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Life of Faith

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From Pr. Nancy.....

This year's Lenten gospels are from Luke, who stresses justice for the poor. We will read parables that illustrate God's work in the world: the barren fig tree, the prodigal son and the older brother, the anointing of Jesus' feet. During this season of reflection, let us make time to consider how God has worked for good in our own lives. Let us experience joy in knowing—in being convinced like the Apostle Paul—that neither death, nor **life**, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the congregation on Feb. 10 was well attended. There were over 40 people who enjoyed a pot luck meal and discussion.

- Treasurer **Greg Steeber** explained the financial health of our congregation. We are happy that giving over the past six months has been very good. We have approximately \$70,000 in reserves that could be used for our building needs.
- Three new council members were elected: **Mara Merritt, Connie Thomassen and Karl Kranz**. Continuing on the Council are **Eric Krumbland, Bev Cagle, Rosaleen Dickinson and Greg Steeber**. We are grateful to **Joan Shumate** for her service as Council president the past year and thanks to **John Butruille** who is also retiring.
- Plans for building a parsonage and maintenance on the church building are not yet finalized.
- **Amy Carlson** reported that the worship committee attended two workshops led by church musicians Tom Witt and Rolf Vegdahl.
- **Mary Steeber and Zona McKenzie** announced plans for four potluck meals in the next year for new people who are worshipping with us.
- A proposal was presented by **John Schramm** that we have a discussion on how the many "friends" of FLC are listed in our phone directory. How can they be part of our decision-making even though they do not have a vote.

GETTING TO KNOW LISA THERRELL

"I feel like a ping pong ball in my retirement," Lisa says when asked about her life.

"I have some responsibility for our family farm in S.E. Washington and I have inherited a house on the Hood Canal from my uncle." The 1900 acre farm has been in her family since the 1880s and produces wheat and canola grains. A farmer runs the operation of the farm but Lisa tries to go there frequently. "It's something of a share cropper arrangement," she explains.

The house on the hood canal is where she is for one week each month, enjoying time quilting, hiking and writing. The house was in disrepair and was fixed up some years ago by Eric Smallbeck – Chuck and Dottie's son. Friends and relatives make good use of the facility.

Lisa has many passions but most of them are centered around nature and the environment. As a child, growing up in the Renton area, her teacher mother taught her about gardening, natural plants and care of the earth. This was a "calling" which has influenced her life and her work. During college at Seattle Pacific she majored in biology and environmental studies. During the summers she loved her job as a wilderness ranger with the forest service.

With a teaching degree, she taught biology to students at Auburn High School who had been without a teacher for some time. "It was a year from hell because the students had not been supervised or taught any science. Utter chaos," she explains, putting her hands over her face.

Lisa met her husband, Rich Haydon who was a forest ranger in the Lake Wenatchee area. They were married in 1990. At this time Lisa was working in Idaho and in order for the couple to be together she requested a 'hardship' move to be near Rich. She was relieved when she applied for work with the forest service (a time

when John Butruille was the N.W regional wilderness manager) and was accepted. Her work as wilderness manager in the Leavenworth area lasted for 15 years. From 2007 - 2011 she

was part of a forest revision team. Lisa loves to travel and Rich prefers to be at their home in Merry Canyon. I am very grateful for his care and partnership, she says.



Lisa grew up and was confirmed in a Baptist Evangelical Covenant Church. It was very biblically oriented and though the members cared for one another, she did not see people serving God in the world. She felt they had a sense of entitlement but cared little for those outside the church. She has found FLC to fit her needs and outlook. Her activity at Faith has included Church Council, call committee, Stewardship Team and is also a Synod Council member. In the community Lisa helps Leavenworth Sports Club with grant applications and also serves on the Board of Directors for the Wenatchee River Institute.

"I feel like I have two spiritual homes," Lisa says. One is Holden Village which helped to shape her spirituality and the other is the Ananda Yoga Community in Sacramento, CA. Here she can retreat and is training to be a therapeutic yoga instructor. "I still have 800 hours to go. It's like getting a Master's degree."

"Mostly I want to be a disciple of Jesus."

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH COUNCIL

Officers for the coming year are Pres. Bev Cagle, V. Pres. Rosaleen Dickenson, Sec. Mara Merritt, Treasurer Greg Steeber. The endowment committee members are Leesa Broker, Danny Thomassen, Rosaleen Dickinson and Pr. Nancy

Architect Todd Smith is helping the congregation look at work that needs to be done on our buildings and a new parsonage. The Catholic Church is not for sale at this time. The finances of the congregation are strong. The suggestion that we look at the distinction between friends and members of FLC was discussed. The next council meeting is March 19 at 6:30 pm. Meetings are open.

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

Over the past year, friends and members of FLC have enjoyed *Dinners for 7 or more* as a way to connect with each other during our transition time and to build community. These events took on various forms and seemed to be enjoyed. Many groups met multiple times. Community building was identified as a goal in our strategic planning process so the stewardship team would like to continue these opportunities. They will be reconfigured and called *Food and Fellowship*. Here is how it will work moving forward:

- Members and friends will be invited to sign up to participate in *Food and Fellowship* at Mardi Gras. For those interested and not able to be at Mardi Gras, please email Mary Steeber at mary.steeber@gmail.com.
- Groups of 5 or 6 people each will be created from those persons who signed up to participate. These groups will be the same for the entire year of 2019. In 2020, there will be another sign-up to participate in *Food and Fellowship* and new groups will be formed.
- The groups will work among themselves to organize 4 gatherings (or more if desired!) during the year. Gatherings can have many various forms. It could be breakfast, lunch, dinner in homes or a restaurant. It could be afternoon tea or coffee. It could be a happy hour at a brewery or a potluck picnic in a park to name a few.
- Groups may like to identify a name for themselves and possibly share *Food and Friendship* experiences in the newsletter.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

In its commitment to pursuing wholeness for creation, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is pleased to announce collaboration with *ecoAmerica* and its *Blessed Tomorrow* program, which helps faith-based organizations elevate their leadership on the moral, religious and justice issues surrounding climate change. The ELCA's commitment to caring for creation is expressed through individual and community action, worship, learning, moral deliberation and advocacy. The collaboration with *Blessed Tomorrow* underscores this church's commitment to raising awareness of climate change and taking action to mitigate its impact.

SAVE THE DATE: May 9, 7:00 – 8:00, *THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF FINANCIAL WELLNESS* sponsored by the stewardship team. Watch for more details.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONTINUED



Mardi Gras Party - March 5 from 6:00 to 8:00!

Gumbo, Red Beans and Rice, Black eyed peas and beverages will be provided with salads being potluck. There will be a skit, singing, sign-up for *Food and Fellowship* and opportunity to learn about a new ministry to fill our local food shelf. Master of Ceremonies for the evening will be our very own Dan Wilkinson who is diligently learning new jokes to keep us all laughing. Masks are available in the fellowship hall for you to take home and decorate. Please sign up in the fellowship hall and plan to come.

ABOUT US

Prayers for healing and health for **Susan Butruille, Bill Moody, David Nierman Lori Aylesworth's sister** and the **Thomassen's son, Dan.**

Thank you **Mandi** and **Ted, Ellie Camp and Sarah Butruille** for the excellent presentation of "Once Upon a Mattress."

Ask **Ellen Merritt** how she likes downhill skiing--especially about the rope tow. She is an amazing little skier.

Mandi Wickline is in her fifth year as the Speech and Drama coach for the Cascade School District. On Feb. 16, the Cascade debate team won the 3A District tournament held in Wenatchee. All thirteen students who participated qualified for the State Tournament on March 16 at UPS in Tacoma.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



2 Ted Fredricks
5 Sarah Butruille
11 Kevin Rieke
20 Susan Wagner
30 Marcy Ostrom
31 Bret Johnson

FOR THE BIRDS Heather Murphy shares that there were 24 folks who were part of the snowshoe birding trip on Feb. 18. The group spotted 10 species of birds, including a pair of golden eagles as well as enjoying sunshine, snow and camaraderie.

MARCH CALENDAR

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Calendar Details

FREE CLINIC - This weekly ministry is run by volunteers, many from FLC. Contact M.E.N.D. office for information: 548-0408

BOOK GROUP - Meets weekly at Kristalls Restaurant. Contact: John Schramm 548-0404 Current book is *Biblical Literalism: A Gentile Heresy* by Spong

IMMIGRATION JUSTICE - Provides ESL classes at PUD School. Contact: Laurie Peek 548-7186 or Trudy Leverenz 888-4856

GREAT DECISIONS: Most Sundays through April 7 in fellowship hall

YOGA - Meets in the fellowship hall. Contact: Marcy Ostrom 630-1262

BIBLE STUDY - Meets at the home of Lila Lyons.

LECTO DIVINA - Meets in the church sanctuary. A time of sharing and quiet meditation on Biblical texts. Contact: Liz Caemmerer 421-0872

S.A.G.E. - Sexual and domestic violence counseling. Fellowship Hall.

LISTENING FOR GOD - Book / faith discussions. Begins with a happy hour followed by pot luck meal. Contact: Tom Derpack 206-601-7739

EARTH STEWARDSHIP GROUP - Contact: Mary Carol Nelson 548-8006 for date and place.

QUILTING - Contact: Trudy Leverenz 888-4856 for location.

STORY TELLING at the home of Zona McKenzie 11358 Riverbend Dr. Second Tuesday each month.

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