



# Life of Faith

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## From our pastor.....

The gospel texts from Luke—the lost sheep and the lost coin—have revealed how persistent God is in seeking us out. Let us also be persistent about seeking the will of God for our lives, in our prayers, devotions and relationships. We can be confident that we will be heard with compassion, love, mercy and forgiveness. October 18<sup>th</sup> is the festival of Luke, identified as a physician and the writer of Luke-Acts. It is appropriate during this season of Luke to direct our prayers toward healing, not only our personal concerns, but the healing of all people, nations and the natural world. Do not be overwhelmed; Jesus is with us in our struggles. Jesus never leaves us. Amen



## Being a sanctuary church.....

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America met in convention this past summer and voted to become a **sanctuary denomination**. This means the church will walk beside immigrants and refugees. The sanctuary declaration will look differently in each church, depending on what this means in their context.

It may mean providing space for people to live, providing financial or legal assistance to those who are working their way through the legal system. It may mean teaching ESL classes or marching in protest against the detention of women and children. Perhaps we are called to support other congregations who are working with immigrants. As people of faith we need to walk beside those who must leave their homes. We are grateful that FLC has a strong Immigration Justice Group. Thank you so much for those who are living out their faith in this way.

## BEV AND THE TANZANIA EXPERIENCE

“I kept wondering, is this really worthwhile? Will I make a difference in anyone's life?”

This was the question Bev Cagle asked herself many times as she prepared to go to Tanzania to teach English. She had applied for the experience through her Alma Mater, Concordia College in Moorhead, Mn. and was thrilled to be accepted for the June experience. Her daughter, Marin, and son-in-law, David, had been urging her to consider the opportunity and gave their full support. “All my life I have dreamed of going to Africa,” Bev says. “I can remember as a six year old going to the library and asking for books about Africa.” Now at age 72 she was able to fulfill that dream.

She applied and was interviewed on Skype for one of six positions. Of the six teachers chosen, 4 were students from Concordia College, one from Japan and Bev, who was an alumna. She was stunned and excited to be chosen.

Three, six day language camps are held in or around the Grumeti Wildlife Reserve in southwestern Tanzania. Children in Tanzania are taught in Swahili, their native language, through grade six. Then their education is taught mostly in English. Many students drop out before going into secondary education because of the English challenge. The six day language camps aim to give the children a vocabulary of 75-100 English words.

Bev says she was very nervous at the beginning. “I kept asking, is there a curriculum?” The answer was no but each morning the Dean of the school gave them the words to be taught that day. She met her class of six as they sat on a wooden bench with their heads down, not looking at the instructor. There seemed to be very little freedom of expression. Part of her duties were to keep the monkeys, goats and baboons away from the classrooms. When they

met within the Reserve, the children knew to be very quiet when the elephants and giraffes made their daily pass-by.

“The children were very reserved and the educational structure seemed very strict. We often used music, incorporating the words for the day. For example, we sang, 'this is the way we wash our hands, wash our hands, wash our hands,' to incorporate the words that were assigned. “I was amazed that at the end of six days the children were delighted and had the confidence to think 'We can do this. We can go to secondary school. We can learn English.”

One day each week, the six teachers rode in the bus with the children as they were taken to their homes. “These were white-knuckle rides. We were jostled and nervous as we drove along the red clay roads from village to village. The homes were small mud huts with dirt floors and no windows or doors. Most children walked a mile or more to reach their regular school. The extent of the poverty was beyond my imagination.”

Bev says on one of these trips, she sat next to a young student who quietly and slowly kept moving her finger until she touched Bev's fingers. Bev reached out and held the girl's hand. They sat like this for the hour's bus ride. That was one of the joys of her time in Tanzania. “I ate the food the student's ate, slept in the same conditions, and shared their lives for a brief time. This made the experience so amazing.”

“I continued to ask myself if my participation was really worthwhile. At times it was mentally and physically challenging. I learned to read by flashlight at night, eat Ugali (cornmeal balls) and chew on meat similar to shoe leather.”

I know I was changed. I was so grateful for the opportunity to perhaps help change the lives of some children in Tanzania.”

## REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A congregational meeting is scheduled for Sept. 29 which is just after this newsletter is printed. Future building options are on the agenda.

### EARTH STEWARDSHIP

You've heard and read it in the news. China doesn't want our recycled materials anymore. A significant part of the reason for this is because the loads have been consistently contaminated. When volunteers pull plastic bags full of dirty disposable diapers out of the recycle center paper bin, food caked steel cans out of the aluminum bin and hunks of Styrofoam out of the #1 and 2 plastic bin, you know that public education has been lacking. Perhaps we at Faith Lutheran can improve our recycling habits and educate the wider community.

This spring Waste Management sent out guidelines for those of us who have the big blue recycle bins. The biggest change is NO MORE GLASS! Some in the area are finding ways to handle glass recycling. Folks in the Methow have arranged for a truck on a return run to take some of their glass to one of Seattle's two bottle manufacturers. Other concerned groups from our valley are working on similar plans. Glass crushers owned by small groups can turn bottles and jars into landscape gravel, a partial solution at best.

Meanwhile, unless you have a bright idea for glass yard art or bottle garden borders, your unwanted glass containers are landfill. As the recycling situation in this valley continues to change, I will try to keep you updated as I learn new developments. *Your dumpster diving sarge, Dawn Kranz*

**PLEASE VOTE!** Faith Lutheran has three people running for office this year in Leavenworth.

- **Judy Derpack**, running for Cascade School Board, says "well educated children are essential for the future of a strong community." She is dedicated to policies that "create strong education for all, recognizing that everyone's growth looks different."
- **Carl Florea** is running for the office of Mayor. "I want a community that works for everyone. A diverse community is a thriving, dynamic organism, with a variety of needs, experiences, ages, incomes, and ethnicity. We all lose when any segment of that diversity is excluded. We all need to be involved in a new vision of what we want Leavenworth to look like."
- **Zeke Reister** hopes to fill a position on the Leavenworth City Council. He says, "We have a Chamber of Commerce. We also need a Chamber of Community. It is important to sustain the quality of life for our residents as well as promote Leavenworth's economic vitality."

### STEWARDSHIP TEAM

The stewardship team has met monthly since it was formed after the strategic planning initiative in 2017. Embracing all aspects of stewardship the team has organized Food and Fellowship, Mardi Gras, the Money Matters event as well as stewarding our congregation's long term leadership by asking the congregation to increase its budget for pastoral salary. Part of our future work will include looking at the ways new building projects serve the mission and ministry of Faith Lutheran Church to support any future fundraising efforts. Please contact Mary Steeber ([mary.steeber@gmail.com](mailto:mary.steeber@gmail.com)) if you would like to be part of this group.

## ABOUT US

**“The Brulottes' gift to key workers is an enlightened approach”** This headline in the Wenatchee World on Aug. 28 told of a special approach to running a business. **Pam and Oliver** have a very successful brewery and restaurant in Leavenworth and have gifted 4 key employees with shares of the company. This is a very different way to do business, putting people before profit. Thank you, Brulottes for setting an example to the community with this enlightened approach.

Please pray for **Zeke Reister**. After two weeks on the PCT, he ended up in a hospital in Santa Rosa, CA and is recuperating from foot surgery. Laurie flew down on Sept. 20 to visit her husband and drive his truck back home. It is not certain when Zeke will be able to return.

**Zona McKenzie** has returned home after enjoying medical training in Minnesota but does not feel the medical position she had anticipated was what she wanted. Welcome back, Zona.

We pray for **Doug and Susan Waltar** who are grieving the death of Doug's mother, Anna, who died on September 13.

**Amy Carlson** has returned from a 10 day trip to England where she spent time with some of her family. Surviving Heathrow airport in London is always an adventure.

**David Nierman** writes:

This year marks the 100 year anniversary of our family farming in Dryden. In 1919 Martha Dormaier and R.E. Schorzman purchased orchard property in Dryden where they grew apples and pears for 24 years. Their daughter, Esther and spouse Fred Nierman, bought the property in 1943 and continued to grow fruit for 28 years. Their son, **David** and spouse **Doris** Rayfield, took over in 1971 and continued to grow pears for the next 42 years. They were incorporated as NPO, Inc. for 20 of those years. They still live on the property but in 2013 their daughter, Elizabeth and spouse, Tory Schmidt have leased the orchards. Happy Anniversary Doris and David.

**Terry and Trudy** left September 8 for McAllen, TX where they will meet **Laurie Peek** and deliver a van load of disposal diapers plus dozens of hand-made pillow cases and beautiful quilts to immigrants on the border.

**Caryll Tibbets, Trudy Leverenz's** mother, died on Aug. 22 at the facility in Cashmere where she was living. Her memorial service will be held in Alabama where many friends and family live.

The **Schramms** celebrate their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Oct. 8.



1 Joan Shumate  
2 Mike Camp  
3 Dawn Kranz  
4 Finn Johnson  
5 Carolyn Witt  
5 Marv Hinz  
7 Reed Carlson  
9 Mary Steeber

10 Nadine Saunders  
11 Amelia Morgan  
12 Caolyn Gibbs  
13 Elise Brulotte  
16 Lola Rieke  
21 Bob Camp  
21 Sherry Thompson  
28 Connie Thomassen

# OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 8:00 BOOK GROUP  4:00 STEWARDSHIP	<b>2</b> 10:00 BIBLE STUDY  4:00 – 5:00 LECTIO DIVINA	<b>3</b> 4:00 – 5:00 S.A.G.E.	<b>4</b> 7:00 JUSTICE FILM NIGHT	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 9:30 WORSHIP	<b>7</b> 5:30 – 6:45 YOGA  6:30 – 8:00 FREE CLINIC	<b>8</b> 8:00 BOOK GROUP  6:30 IMM. JUSTICE	<b>9</b> 10:00 BIBLE STUDY  4:00 – 5:00 LECTIO DIVINA	<b>10</b> 4:00 – 5:00 S.A.G.E.  7:00 EARTH STEWARDSHIP	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:30-12:00 QUILTING
<b>13</b> 9:30 WORSHIP	<b>14</b> 5:30 – 6:45 YOGA  6:30 – 8:00 FREE CLINIC	<b>15</b> 8:00 BOOK GROUP  6:30 CHURCH COUNCIL	<b>16</b> 10:00 BIBLE STUDY  4:00 – 5:00 LECTIO DIVINA	<b>17</b> 4:00 – 5:00 S.A.G.E.  5:30 LISTENING FOR GOD	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 12:00 NOON SEW GIRLS
<b>20</b> 9:30 WORSHIP	<b>21</b> 5:30 – 6:45 YOGA  6:30 – 8:00 FREE CLINIC	<b>22</b> 8:00 BOOK GROUP  4:00 STEWARDSHIP	<b>23</b> 10:00 BIBLE STUDY  4:00 – 5:00 LECTIO DIVINA	<b>24</b> 4:00 – 5:00 S.A.G.E.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
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### CALENDAR DETAILS

- FREE CLINIC - This weekly ministry is run by volunteers. Contact M.E.N.D. for information: 548-0408
- BOOK GROUP - Fellowship Hall. John Schramm 548-0404. Current book is *Gift of Change* by Marianne Williamson.
- IMMIGRATION JUSTICE - Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. Contact: Laurie Peek 548-7186 or Trudy Leverenz 888-4856
- YOGA - Fellowship Hall. Contact: Marcy Ostrom 630-1262
- BIBLE STUDY - Meets at the home of Lila Lyons.
- LECTO DIVINA – in church sanctuary. Come and share this meditative hour.
- S.A.G.E. – Fellowship hall. Sexual and domestic violence counseling.
- LISTENING FOR GOD - Book / faith discussions. Begins with a happy hour followed by pot luck meal. Contact: Tom Derpack 206-601-7739 for location.
- EARTH STEWARDSHIP GROUP – Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested in climate change and environmental issues is welcome. Contact: Schramms 548-0404
- QUILTING – Fellowship Hall. Contact: Trudy Leverenz 888-4856.
- SEW GIRLS: Fellowship hall. Call Trudy Leverenz 888-4856 for details.

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