



Life of Faith

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From Pastor Nancy.....

Faith Lutheran book club has finished reading *After Trump*, by Donald Heinz, an ELCA pastor, professor emeritus of Religious Studies and former dean of Humanities and Fine Arts at Cal State University in Chico, CA. Heinz advocates for a social gospel that will take its place in the public square, bring good news to all people and address the obstacles to the good news.

The book wasn't an easy read but there were things that spoke to my heart and I would like to share them:

- The great concentration of wealth in a small percent of the population is a force against social and economic change.
- The high Christian calling is to collaborate with God in the ultimate destination of earth and the universe. Our church is called out as God's witness, to make Jesus' legacy public.

I found this incredibly powerful: "In the New Testament, Jesus incarnates as the earthly paradigm of God's reconciliation of the world. He threatens political jurisdictions, touches the untouchables, reaches out to ostracized women, embraces despised foreigners, associates with public sinners, and heals the socially stigmatized. When challenged, Jesus implies that he is in fact God on earth as a walking-talking-enacting social justice emancipator-redeemer-savior." As Heinz writes, we don't need to imagine what Jesus would do because we can plainly see what Jesus did.

We pray: "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sundays at 9:00 a.m.: Outdoor worship

August 7, 9:00 – 12:00: Church yard clean up

August 19, 6:30: Church Council

August 26: Deadline for school supply donations





CHURCH COUNCIL 7/8/2021 (Next meeting: 8/19 /2021, 6:30 p.m.)

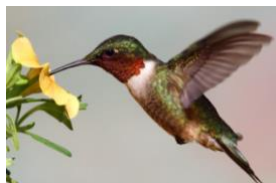
- Outdoor worship services are going well and continue to improve.
- Pastor Nancy will be on vacation July 18. Barbara Rossing will preach and lead worship.
- The pastor's letter will continue but the chat will be discontinued now that we worship live.
- A set of children's books has been donated to Faith.
- Bank balances remain about the same. Reserve savings are stable. Revenue was higher than budget last month, a welcome change. There are no major new expenditures and the mortgage liability continues to decrease.
- A small tree will be removed for less than \$300 by a professional. The monthly volunteer church yard cleanup sessions on the first Saturday of the month have been disappointing. Thank you Nancy and Danny for your participation so far! A professional yard maintenance person is being considered for continuing care for the upkeep of the church grounds. Council believes this would be a good use of property funds. Luis Fonseca is suggested.
- The internet connectivity needs updating. Local Tel has been contacted and will make recommendations.
- Council will ask the Worship Committee to continue to plan outdoor Services. The start time will be 9:00 a.m. through the summer.
- Summer weather will be mitigated as needed with canopy shades loaned by the Camp and Kranz families. Council discussed using oscillating fans but decided against them.
- The pantry box project is moving forward. Boxes will soon be built. Pr Nancy heard a concern from a neighbor that this could encourage a homeless camp as happens in the west side Metro areas. Council thinks this is unlikely but will be vigilant with the start of the new program.
- Ellie Camp will be attending CWH in Ellensburg. Council recommends granting Ellie a \$1000 scholarship. No other applications were returned this year.
- There is a church in Wenatchee engaged in promoting and supporting conservative political candidates. A group of three Wenatchee Churches is writing a letter of opposition to this practice. Council discussed whether it would be appropriate for Faith to participate in this letter development. After discussion it was decided that this is not part of our mission at this time.

Covid Protocol Update

The following transitions are taking place and are in compliance with the most current recommendations from the Washington State Governor's office:

- Services will take place indoors if the weather is inclement.
- Services are now unrestricted for fully immunized people.
- Temperature checks and the sign-in sheet are no longer required. Hand sanitizer, extra masks and ice water will continue to be available.
- Fully vaccinated members do not need to take special precautions but it is still appropriate for persons not fully vaccinated to wear a mask and socially distance for reduction of risk to other unvaccinated people.
- For the time being, Altar Guild will continue the same protocols for communion.

The Spiritual Life of Beth Pratt by Pete Spiegel



Beth Pratt and I met on her patio, overlooking a grassy patch and Tumwater Mountain. It was an appropriate place to meet since this view brings her comfort and peace. While we sat, a number of hummingbirds came to her feeder. "They come all the time. I love the hummingbirds. It makes me feel good that they come to my house."

Beth gets up with the birds, 5:00. Her thoughts are on coffee, the birds and her plants. She does not pray, but living alone she has lots of time with her thoughts. Her spiritual practices include thinking about family. While I was visiting, Beth showed me pictures of Karl Kranz, her son, when he was young (nice moustache!) and art work done by Karl's sister who lives in Hawaii. Beth walks twice a day with Karen and gets much satisfaction from the exercise and comradery.

The other source of spiritual renewal for Beth is church. She was not a regular church goer until she came to Leavenworth. She followed Karl and Dawn to Faith and has had a home here ever since. She enjoys the people and listening to the message from Pastor Nancy.

Birds are messengers of hope in this world. If you are aware enough and listen closely to their whispered secrets you will begin to listen with your heart. Just take after Beth.

A KNITTING OPPORTUNITY for knitters and "want-to-be knitters"!

(from Jan Monroe)



Before the pandemic hit, Pastor Nancy and a few others were meeting and making slippers to sell at the Christmas Bazaar. Of course, the bazaar didn't happen. We would like to try again this year, just in case!

Pastor Nancy received an abundance of yarn. We have a pattern for the slippers and can also supply patterns for hats, prayer shawls and dishcloths.

Now we need knitters! You do not need to be an expert knitter or a knitter at all. We are more than happy to teach you.

Our hope is to meet at least once a month. Please contact me - Jan Monroe at twotoeheads@gmail.com if you are interested or have further ideas or questions. We want to find the best day and time during the week to fit the most people and also decide on a name for the group.

ICICLE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

John Wagner is performing in *The Foreigner* at the Meadow Stage at Icicle Creek Center for the Arts, August 12-14. John plays a Southern pastor with secret Klan connections and hidden ambitions for national glory. Come see one of the greatest American comedies outdoors under the stars at Icicle Creek. Go to <https://icicle.org/> for tickets and more information.



“The History Corner” Part 2 by Danny Thomassen



Martin Luther had been living in seclusion at the Wartburg Castle near Eisenach for ten months. Radical reforms were taking place in Wittenberg during his absence that exceeded what he envisioned. These reforms provoked social disturbances and circumstances were becoming increasingly volatile as time passed. In March 1522, Luther returned to Wittenberg and wrote *During my absence Satan has entered my sheepfold which requires my presence and living word*. Luther began to reverse and modify new church practices, working with civil authorities to restore public order reminding the citizens that God’s word, love, patience and charity rather than violence brings about necessary change.

By 1524, a violent deadly peasant’s rebellion (*aka: Peasants War 1524-25*) erupted across Germany; the peasants had been inspired by Luther’s teachings of self-determination for all Germans. Luther sympathized with the peasant’s grievances though he formally sided with the noble ruling classes claiming violence is lawlessness, submission to authority is God’s command, and blasphemy for the violence while claiming to be Christian brethren under the banner of the Gospel. Eventually the nobles prevailed and order was restored throughout the land but over 100,000 peasants had been killed and the survivors were disillusioned by Luther’s decision to side with the aristocracy. Martin married Katharina (Katie) von Bora, a former Catholic nun in 1525. They had six children together. One of the greatest tragedies of his life was when his young daughter Magdalene at age 13 died in his arms. Martin was anti-Semitic throughout his life. His hostile attitude towards the Jews was based on their religious rejection of Christianity and unwillingness to convert; notwithstanding, there is no evidence that Luther had any substantial interactions with Jews during his lifetime. As Luther grew older the gradual decline of his physical health including kidney stones, digestive constipation, a cataract, loss of hearing/tinnitus, periodic episodes of dizziness and arthritis had made him short-tempered in his comments and harsher in his writings.

In 1546, Luther traveled to his birth place of Eisleben to facilitate the negotiations over the copper mine. He delivered his last sermon in St Andrew’s church three days before his death. Luther experienced episodes of angina; then suffered a stroke that prevented speech. On a piece of paper he wrote: *We are beggars, this is true*; essentially representing his last words on earth. We are beggars when standing before God. It had been 29 years since he had posted the “95 Thesis” on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. In living a controversial life, he significantly changed the world forever. Martin’s body was eventually returned to Wittenberg where he is buried in the Castle Church.



Reading Resource: Luther and His Times: Author: Ernest G. Schwiebert, PhD.; Erlangen University, Nuremberg, Deutschland; Visiting Professor of History, Wittenberg College (*University*), Springfield, Ohio; Concordia Publishing House, 1950.

A note from Judy Derpack.....



Dear Faith Lutheran Church friends,

Please join me in gathering new school supplies for our local students. Leavenworth Community Methodist Church is collecting them as well.

You can find suggested supplies for Alpine Lakes Elementary and Peshastin Dryden Elementary here. There is no expectation for you to purchase all items of the list. Any amount will be welcome.

- <https://www.cascadesd.org/cms/lib/WA01919371/Centricity/Domain/423/2021-2022%20School%20Supply%20List.pdf>
- <https://www.cascadesd.org/cms/lib/WA01919371/Centricity/Domain/9/Alpine%20Lakes%20School%20Supply%20List.pdf>

Please bring them to the church fellowship hall by **August 26**. If you don't have a code to get in, feel free to just leave them on the red benches. I will come by every day and check for donations and my grandchildren will sort them.

Thank you in advance for any donations! We are very grateful. There is no power greater than a Community discovering what it cares about!

Peace and love,

Judy Derpack
Cascade School District School Board Director



August Birthdays

14 Mandi Wickline
17 Karl Kranz

21 Pam Brulotte
24 Susan Butruille

28 Jaydon Witt

Thanks to all who contributed articles and general interest information for this newsletter! Please forward contributions to Mary Steeber at mary.steeber@gmail.com by **August 23** for the September issue.