



Life of Faith

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From our president....

Anticipation!

Could this be the antidote to the woes of the world?

I have been looking past the melting snow to see the first wildflower on our hill and yesterday the first Spring Beauty appeared. We have been locked in Lent for weeks but Easter is just around the corner. Our Pastor Eva is packing her travel kit to come West and some of her suitcases have already taken flight. Thank goodness she doesn't have to travel by prairie schooner.

Durable Lutherans Dawn Kranz and Mary Steeber punched their way through the snow to gaze out over Leavenworth from the viewpoint on Icicle Ridge while Greg Steeber, Barbara Rossing, Don Haven, Kelly Hassinger and myself made spring ski tracks on Mission Ridge. Mary had a close encounter with a parasail, you might say she got wrapped up in the sport. Danny and Connie Thomassen and their truck *Big Red* have been sighted in the church yard cleaning up the winter debris. This may be the most certain Spring sign of all.

I walked away from the news yesterday to step outside and see what is up with our world. There are new sounds - owls and robin calls, trickling water, the neighbor cutting his way through winter's deadfall and the snow line is retreating up the side of Tumwater mountain. I can see the soil now in our raised garden bed, presently fallow but rich with promise of tomatoes to come. I saw the community gather with joy at the Empty Bowls Festival last night. People coming out of hibernation.

Spring, a season rich with anticipation indeed. So, as the philosophers have pondered since the time of the ancient Greeks— How do we conduct ourselves? Where do we fit in? What is our place in our bodies, our families, our church, our community, our country, government, our world? The answers, for me, are there if I take the time to stop and listen to the quiet. There are guideposts in the sermons, we can model admired behaviors from our church elders, I learn from our children, both young and grown. Many times, indications come to me at unexpected times, often during play. As Eric has shown us, it is well worth the time to stop, pray, meditate, find a quiet moment and let the miracles around us unfold and be appreciated.

Easter blessings to you all,

Karl Kranz



HOLY WEEK and EASTER WORSHIP

Sunday, April 2, 9:30 am: **Psalm (Passion) Sunday, Pr. Eva Jensen**

Thursday, April 6, 7:00 pm: **Maundy Thursday, Pr. Eva Jensen**

Friday, April 7, 7:00 pm: **Good Friday, Pr. Eva Jensen**

Saturday, April 8, 8:00 pm: **Easter Vigil, Pr. Eva Jensen**



EASTER SUNDAY, April 9

8:30 am, **Worship, Pr. Eva Jensen**

9:30 am, **Potluck Brunch* in Fellowship Hall**

11:00 am, **Worship, Pr. Eva Jensen**

Sunday, April 16, 9:30 am: **2 Easter, Pr. Eva Jensen**

Sunday, April 23, 9:30 am: **3 Easter, Pr. Eva Jensen**

Sunday, April 30, 9:30 am: **4 Easter, Pr. Carl Florea**

***All are welcome. Please bring a dish to share as you are able.**



in the Easter liturgy we say YES to God's YES. We affirm- the way of Jesus is the way of God! Baptized into Christ, we follow. Alleluia!

The entire Leavenworth community is invited to celebrate the installation of Pastor Eva Jensen as pastor of Faith Lutheran



**Sunday, April 23 at 3:00 p.m.
Faith Lutheran Church sanctuary
Champagne reception following**

Please share this with your friends and plan to attend!



What's Happening

BOOK GROUP: Mondays from 8:50 – 9:50 a.m., Fellowship Hall.

SAIL (Staying Active and Independent for Life) Tuesday and Thursdays, from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall. All seniors 65 and older are welcome to join this free program. Contact Joyce Price (509) 423-3706 or Connie Thomassen (509) 470-8212 for more information.

KNITTING AND CRAFTS: Wednesday, April 5 and 19, from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall.

QUILT TYING: Tuesday afternoons, from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. or for however long it takes to tie two quilts. We are a little sporadic though so it would be good for new volunteers to contact me (Margaret Neighbors at 509 548-0166) to be notified when the schedule changes. These quilts are created for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and are shipped to areas of need throughout the world.

CHURCH COUNCIL: April 20, 6:30 p.m.

IMMIGRATION/RACE/JUSTICE GROUP: April 22, 6:00 p.m.

INSTALLATION OF PR. EVA JENSEN: April 23, 3:00 p.m., Faith Lutheran

NORTHWEST INTERMOUNTAIN SYNOD ASSEMBLY: April 28 – 30, Pasco, WA



CHURCH COUNCIL March 16, 2023

Treasurer's Report

- Contributions are lower than budget and is of concern as expenses will be increasing.
- Schedule changes in our benevolence payments to ELCA, World Hunger and ELCA or Lutheran World Relief include paying quarterly rather than monthly.
- Effective April 1, we will be adding pastoral benefits for our new pastor.
- Pulpit supply expenses are lower than expected as some visiting pastors do not take payment.
- When the parsonage is rented out, property taxes will go up.
- We have also decided to not pass the plate during the services as most people are giving on-line. The offering plate will still be available during services.

Property Committee

- The roof on the Fellowship Hall (FH) is scheduled to be replaced sometime this year.
- A sump pump and French drain is in the plan to mitigate water accumulation under the FH.
- Karl will build and install garage doors on the parsonage this spring.
- The renter of the parsonage will be in charge of the irrigation for the parsonage property.

Worship Committee

- Together with Pr. Eva Jensen, worship services are being planned through April.
- Pr. Eva has ideas about new books and hymnals. The cost of printing versus ordering new hymnals and books is being explored.
- Alan Whitmore's memorial service is to be held at Faith on May 21, May 28 or June 11. The Hospitality Committee will work with Alan's daughter about a potluck afterwards.
- Pr. Eva Jensen's Installation Service is scheduled for April 23, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. Cluster Dean Dave Haven will oversee the service.

Endowment Committee

- There is between \$4,000 and \$ 4,600 available for endowment distributions this year.
- Applications will be reviewed and distributions recommended at the April 19 meeting.

Call Committee

- Plans are underway to welcome Pr. Eva when she arrives on March 29.
- The call committee along with hospitality and the council will be working together to host a champagne reception after the installation service on April 23.

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CHURCH COUNCIL, CONT.



Old Business

- A policy plan for loaning our tables and chairs was discussed and will continue in April.
- Danny Thomassen will continue to tend the distribution of our newsletter at Mountain Meadows. We should also see where else in the community we can display our newsletter.
- Research on purchasing a color laser printer continues.
- There will be a congregational meeting on May 7 after the service to discuss a new parsonage.
- The Synod Assembly is on April 28-30 in Pasco, WA. Attendees from Faith include Pr. Eva Jensen, Lauren Johnson and Greg Steeber, voting representatives; Barbara Rossing, Bible Study and workshop leader; Mary Steeber, voting synod council member and Cindy Carroll and Don Haven guests associated with Faith. We will be well represented!

New Business

- Rental/Lease Agreement for parsonage will include: a refundable deposit of \$750, monthly rent of \$1,500 plus utilities, a 10 month lease and then month to month and rent due on the 1st of the month. We will have a property condition report completed at the time of the Lease. There is also a Lead form and the Department of Health form that needs to be given to the tenant.
- There is need for a new parsonage committee. Greg S., Greg H. and Karl have already agreed to serve. They would like a few more people to be part of the committee.
- There is \$70,000 in savings and some endowment money for a total of \$150,000 for a down payment on a parsonage. We would like to do a capital campaign to raise additional funds.
- We reviewed building options through Lexar Homes. The price ranges \$400,000-\$450,000.
- Partnership with the Mission Investment Fund and Mission Builders is being researched.
- Of note, when the Pastor lives in the parsonage we save money for salary.

Next Council Meeting: 04/20/2023 @ 6:30 pm





IMMIGRATION/RACE JUSTICE GROUP March 22, 2023

Finances: A total of \$2,533 has been disbursed so far in this current fiscal year – September 2022 – September 2023. An endowment request of \$500 has been submitted to Faith Lutheran to assist Cascade School District students needing financial assistance for driver’s education. **Washington**

Immigrant Solidarity Network (WAISIN): After discussion about the changing membership model (<https://tinyurl.com/waisnmemberoutline>) it was decided to recertify our membership at the “Partnership” level. Also see <https://tinyurl.com/waisnbio>

Book Study: We continue reading *The LAND is NOT EMPTY: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery*. The next “study date” will be determined at our next meeting. We are looking into the possibility that Sarah Augustine, the author, could speak at the library for a community educational event.

Anti-Racism Resolutions: Alex shared two anti-racism resolutions that Faith Lutheran submitted to his denomination’s annual regional meetings in 2003 and 2005. Both passed with 98% approval and speak of issues that remain critically relevant today. It is sad to note that by-in-large, neither has been acted upon.

Recreation Ambassador Program: We will consult with the Chamber to begin process for participation this summer.

Nigerian Political Asylee: Wenatchee for Immigrant Justice is seeking help in housing an individual until a permanent solution is found. One of our members will respond indicating that they could help with part of July.

Direct Support:

- Three students with financial need for driver’s education will be supported in the next days / weeks as we are able.
- A member of I/RJG has provided a partial list of families receiving help in the past. All members were asked to submit names of those families and/or individuals which we have recommended for assistance in the past.
- MEND will be contacted to remind them of our willingness to assist with families they are not able to support.

Citizenship and ESL Classes: Two Citizenship students have filled out applications and third is almost complete. Hopefully at the next class, these will be finalized and ready to send in. ESL classes remain on hold. The Peshastin Librarian will contact the Wenatchee Literacy Council to see if some collaboration might be possible.

Advocacy: A former member of Faith Lutheran who was “deported” in 2010 and forbidden to ever return has asked us to provide a letter of referral to her lawyer as she is seeking to return to the U.S. It was this lady’s “deportation” that catalyzed the formation of our I/RJG in 2010.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 22, 6:00 pm

easter
is coming
but for many of us
this is not the ultimate reality
there is too much pain and
suffering in the world today
death has the last word
it would therefore be foolish to say that
the life and death of a first-century Jew
named Jesus makes a difference
why might makes right
power is superior to compassion and
despair is stronger than hope
so I refuse to believe

a man can come back from the dead

sometimes the most important facts
are the hardest to accept
resurrection is a false hope how can you say
an empty tomb changes everything
don't you see "God loves the world"
is a lie "money is God" and
"the one who dies with the most toys wins"
I will tell you what I tell my children
there is no more to this world
than what you can see, hold, and buy
there is no mystery in everyday life and
there is nothing sacred about ordinary things and people
many of us simply do not believe that
God can give life to the dead
bring light from darkness
and create something out of nothing
but what if the testimony of the women
at the tomb was true? then...

Easter is Coming.....

Listen to Professor Karoline Lewis tell the story
forwards and backwards here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bGkdnmQVW28>



**Are you interested in becoming a member of Faith Lutheran?
Please leave a message at 509 548 7010**

GIVING THANKS.....

For the March 12 baptism of Veronika
Else Anne Bowman at Faith Lutheran.....



Thank you

Connie and Danny Thomassen for tending to the church grounds as the snow melts. Your many hours of raking and hauling away yard waste is gratefully appreciated!

¡Muchas Gracias!

Due to generous donations from Faith Lutheran Church friends - near and far - *The Sewing Project* in Xela, Guatemala's human rights organization, CEIPA, will be continuing through 2023! Scores of very poor boys and girls will be trained on treadle sewing machines while they also attend CEIPA middle school classes. These young students also work to help their families make ends meet, but with education and sewing skills, they have a better chance to improve their futures and help their families to thrive. Thank you for your part in supporting youth in Guatemala so they are not forced to make the treacherous journey north. If you'd like to know more, please contact Laurie Peek. 509 387-0998



As disciples in Christ, the people of Faith Lutheran Church are called....

To Incarnate the gracious, healing, and reconciling presence of God through: Sacramental Worship, Congregational Nurture, and Ministries of Peace, Mercy, and Justice for all Creation.

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 April 24 for the May issue.

