



Life of Faith

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Good news from the Call Committee!

The Faith Lutheran Church Council held a special meeting on December 18, 2022 after church to receive a recommendation from the Call Committee.

Call Committee Chairperson, Amy Carlson, presented the following:

Today the Call Committee forwards the following recommendation to the Council. After pastoral interviews, evaluation of references and discussion, the Call Committee recommends Pastor Eva Jensen as a candidate well suited to be called for Faith Lutheran.

The Council reviewed the recommendation and after discussion called for a congregational vote to call Pastor Eva Jensen. The motion was presented, seconded and unanimously approved.

The next step is for our congregation to vote on the Council's recommendation. **This vote will take place on January 8 after worship.** It is required that a quorum of members be present. For our congregation this means 15 folks. A 2/3 majority vote of members present is necessary for approval for extending a formal call to Pr. Jensen. The Synod has been notified and will send a representative to oversee the vote by written ballot.

Karl Kranz, Faith Council President

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

January 8, 2023 after worship

Please plan to be present for this important milestone in the life of Faith Lutheran Church!

SUNDAY TEXTS AND SCHEDULE FOR PULPIT SUPPLY



January 1: Pr. Barbara Rossing, Tom Witt musician, Numbers 6:22-27, Psalm 8, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:15-21

January 8: *Baptism of our Lord*, Pr. Barbara Rossing, Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 29, Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-17

January 15: *2 Epiphany*, Pr. Cindy Carroll, Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 40:1-11, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42

January 22: *3 Epiphany*, Pr. Alex Schmidt, Isaiah 9:1-4, Psalm 27:1, 4-9, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23

January 29: *4 Epiphany*, Pr. Barbara Rossing, Micah 6:1-8, Psalm 15, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-12



IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT OUR ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Committee will be taking applications in late winter or early spring 2023. Our goal is to transition the committee work onto a better cycle so that we aren't soliciting and deciding grant requests over the holidays. Additionally, we will have more accurate figures of how the Endowment Fund performed in 2022.

CHURCH COUNCIL December 2022

Annual Meeting: January 23
after worship in Fellowship
Hall

Treasurer's Report

- \$9,000 was put into the Endowment Fund.
- Our discretionary benevolence for this year will be directed to the backpack program.
- There was a discussion on the 2023 Budget. Here are some of the highlights:
 - Increase the contribution amount by \$5,000
 - Add Pastoral Benefits package, which would probably begin around April 1, in the amount of \$80,000. This will need to be funded for $\frac{3}{4}$ of the year.
 - Pulpit supply expenses will continue for the first three months of the year and seven other Sundays.
 - The Endowment Fund is reduced to \$4,700 because of the down market for the past 2 years.
 - Convention costs would be higher in 2023 because we do have a synod assembly and will need to pay for the Pastor and 2 Synod Representatives.
 - Property Insurance on both the parsonage and the church has increased.
 - Copy/Printing expenses will be increased because we would like to get a new laser printer. In the long run this could save us money on outside copy and printing expenses.
 - There will be a \$8,900 deficit because of the roofing project. It will come out of the savings account which is currently at about \$125,000.

Property Committee

- The roof on the Fellowship Hall will be replaced next summer
- Other needs include a new water heater, a sump pump in the crawl space under the Fellowship Hall, a new hose and more folding chairs. Additionally, repairs and paint are needed on both the back shed and back porch.

Worship Committee

- Christmas Eve services will be on Saturday, 12/24 at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Pr. Barbara Rossing will be presiding. Christmas Day service will be Sunday, 12/25 at 9:30 a.m.
- Amy Carlson and Judy Huett-Harris are cleaning out / organizing the file cabinet containing the bulletins and music.
- Tom Witt will be playing at the service on January 1, 2023.
- Pastors Barbara Rossing, Cindy Carroll and Alex Schmidt have each committed to continue preaching and presiding in early 2023.

Old Business

- John Schramm continues making calls for the directory. Next step will be to get it typed.
- Joan Schumate has provided a new AED. Thank you, Joan. She has asked someone else to take this over.

New Business

- Problems with particular email addresses continue which means there are some people who are not receiving the newsletter or other communications from the church.
- The Thomassen's have generously volunteered to print and mail copies of the newsletter to those not receiving it. Thank you, Connie and Danny!
- Two representatives need to be identified to attend the Synod Assembly in April. There will be an election for Bishop so it is a particularly important year.

Next Meeting: 01/26/2023 @ 6:30

From Laurie Peek

My dear friend Leesa encouraged me to spread the word that I am able to travel to Guatemala again on January 24 after missing out on 2 annual visits. I think this will be trip #23 for me. Besides emptying 4 suitcases of items to donate there and then filling them again with handmade items to replenish the shelves at Jubilee, my travels mostly revolve around visiting people and projects I've been involved in for the past 2 decades. Faith Lutheran and the Endowment fund have been generous for the past few years with donations for the ecumenical humanitarian organization called CEIPA, which hosts several schools for children who are part of the workforce in Quetzaltenango (Xela). Luceritos ("little stars"), the non profit that Nancy Hilton and I started here in Leavenworth (under the umbrella of Faith Lutheran to get started), has been able to support a sewing project at CEIPA's middle school for the past decade so that hundreds of youth have learned to sew and are able to earn a living in their own country, where there is still great need for handmade uniforms for schools, and other items. We have also been able to help with the families of these students who live in abject poverty through helping with food supplies. This is no small thing, as improving living situations can prevent young people from needing to head North in order to help their families survive.

Now Luceritos is running out of funds and can only support the sewing project for one half of next year. If anyone would like to send a donation with me, I would be happy to hand deliver it to Hector, the middle school director, so that the program can continue for longer. You are welcome to contact me (509 387-0998) or drop off or mail a donation to my house (516 Cedar St. in Leavenworth). Muchas Gracias. Laurie Peek



FREE LITTLE PANTRY UPDATE

Now that the days are staying below freezing, the Free Little Pantry is being stocked with dry goods rather than canned items that could freeze and be damaged. Examples of food items to bring include pasta, rice, cooked cereal, dry cereal, crackers, rice cakes, tortillas, dry soup mixes, dry hash browns, instant mashed potatoes, shelf stable sausages or jerky and hot drinks. The Free Little Pantry is being restocked 2-3 times per week, which is to say, we have been going through a lot of food.

IMMIGRATION/RACE JUSTICE GROUP (I/RJG) December 14

Finances: \$1,700 was disbursed last month for a family's rent and another's three family work permits. There was discussion about faith perspectives and how "praying and trusting" the Divine intersects (and supports?) our quest for additional funds.

Grants: Our application for \$6,000 to the Community Foundation of NCW was declined. An application was sent to Advent Lutheran's (Spokane Valley) endowment disbursement for \$700.

Fundraiser Review: The *Songs by Firelight* Concert by Ben Thomas and friends on snow storm evening of 12/10 was well received and the group gave the I/RJG \$1,010! The next one is Tuesday, Feb. 7th with Das München Haus giving the I/RJG 25% of sales.

Budget Review and Goals: After good conversation, the group decided that it was not necessary to "amplify" and go into greater detail for our '23 proposed budget. Given the reality of our work which depends entirely on our account balance and the many and diverse needs that come our way, we will monitor our goals as the year proceeds.

Book Study: Our next book study meeting will be Wednesday, January 4, 6 p.m. at LOGE. We will discuss the entire book *White Tears/Brown Wounds: How White Feminism Betrays Women of Color*, by Ruby Hamad. What are your suggestions for the next book, if we decide to continue?

Citizenship and ESL Classes: Continue on Tuesday evenings at the Peshastin Library. There are currently 2 citizenship students. ESL remains sporadic.

AVID: One of our members will work with Malia Renner-Singer, coordinator, to establish a date for our group to meet and to introduce ourselves before we begin mentoring and tutoring.

Immigrant Families: A large grant was given to MEND to help undocumented immigrants with medical bills. We were urged to spread the word. We also discussed our "policy" of evaluating ongoing help to any particular family.

Advocacy: Continue being attentive to local, national, and world news and see how you might help support these vital NGOs and advocates for justice.

Next book study: January 4, 2023,
6 p.m. at the Loge
Next meeting: January 18, 2023



BENEVOLENT NIGHT AT MÜNCHEN HAUS

Join us for a special event to Improve our community together!

IMMIGRATION/RACIAL JUSTICE GROUP

Equipping & Empowering those in NCW

Supporting our immigrant community through education, direct support, & advocacy.

München Haus

709 Front Street

February 7, 2023

4:00 - 8:00 PM

25% of SALES DONATED

Join our special event and learn more about Immigration/Racial Justice Group's commitment to supporting our immigrant community in NCW.

GREAT DECISIONS

The annual Great Decisions 8-part foreign policy discussion series will begin in January with a kick-off International Potluck tentatively scheduled (depending on COVID, etc.) for January 15 in the Fellowship Hall. The first discussion will take place on January 22 at 6:00 in the FLC Fellowship Hall. Discussions will be by Zoom with tentative plan to meet in person as well. Former FLC Pastor Alex Schmidt and current FLC pianist Susan Butruille founded the local series sponsored nationally by the Foreign Policy Association in New York City. Anyone wishing to join us can order a briefing book from fpa.org, (\$35.00 plus postage), plus \$8.00 to the local group for shared DVD and miscellaneous expenses.

For more information, contact Susan Butruille at susanbutruille@gmail.com or 509-630-6488.

CONGRATULATIONS!

With joyful hearts, Susan and John Wagner welcome grandson Hendrix Foote, born December 26 in Bend, Oregon! Hendrix's parents are Elsa (Wagner) Foote and Collin Foote, both originally from Leavenworth.



WITH THANKS.....

From John and Susan Butruille...

We want to thank the FLC family for all of your support and prayers that helped to bring John through his recent surgery. You and the fine medical teams involved have brought John to his current phase of recovery. We still have some distance to go but John is getting there! Thank you all!

From our treasurer...



Thank you to all who gave throughout the year and also extra at the end of the year. Giving has been consistently below budget so additional gifts are helpful. Because Pastor Gradwohl left in February and deferred maintenance on the Fellowship Hall was postponed, the budget was balanced. More information will be presented at the annual meeting. Your generosity is always appreciated. (Greg Steeber)

From all of us...

To the robust shoveling crew who miraculously appeared to remove mountains of snow before worship in December.



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 January 21 for the February issue.

