



Life of Faith

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From our president...



What a Church I belong to!

All are Welcome.

On August 19 we were tested at Faith Lutheran, in my opinion, and not found wanting. Faith is everywhere and Fear often accompanies it. We weigh the balance everyday and try to walk the right path.

Collin is a homeless youth that happened to walk by Faith that Sunday while Danny was setting up the chairs for outdoor service. He sat, and Danny invited him to stay for our service if he wished. Collin and I talked a bit before the service and he also spoke with others. He liked the hymns but found the sermon upsetting and left his seat on the lawn. I sat in the Sanctuary where I could see that he was OK, as I heard him rummaging through his backpack outside. He suddenly joined me in the pew and we listened to the sermon together. He told me there had been lots of trauma in his life as he listened to Zeke's sermon from the speakers in the church. He was angry as Zeke talked about loving your neighbor, asked where that came from? It is in the Bible, it is the Word, I told him. The sermon ended and he walked out of the Sanctuary and off the grounds.

He returned and approached me again appearing conflicted as we set up the meal. He walked to the podium and stood next to Pastor Barbara, facing her, as she blessed the sacrament. Amy came to him, touched his arm and reassured him. He chose to receive the meal personally from Pastor Barbara, no stranger after all to Communion. He stayed there, facing the podium, as the closing hymn was sung.

He spoke again with others after the service; Perhaps he was high on mushrooms that day, he ran away from home in Alabama years before, wanted simple things, had been abandoned, disappointed, let down so many times. He took the bus to Seattle, arrived in Leavenworth and had a blanket and an old rug to sleep on hidden in the bushes by the church next door.

Sadly, he became overwhelmed at coffee, shouted, dashed down his coffee mug, tossed the dessert aside and hastened back onto the road. He was upset and we asked Rivercom to do a welfare check if they saw him.

Praise to Faith, who welcomed a stranger, offered an ear to hear him, eyes to see him and the Holy Communion to sustain him. Thanks to Danny who was not frightened, Zeke with the right sermon for him to hear, Pastor Barbara for knowing what to do, Stacey for offering her expertise and Amy who could look into his eyes and truly see him. We pray that his brief sojourn with us will bring Collin some peace as he travels his difficult road through this world.

Karl Kranz , President



BOOK GROUP: Each Tuesday, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested in joining the group, contact Margaret Neighbors (509) 387-0883.

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

KNITTING AND CRAFTS: September 4 and 18, Fellowship Hall

QUILT TYING: Each Tuesday from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

CHURCH COUNCIL: September 26, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

IMMIGRATION/RACE AND JUSTICE GROUP: September 11, 6:00 p.m.

EARTH STEWARDSHIP GROUP: September 10, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Special Events in September

September 4

*Join Bishop Manlove, Barbara Rossing and Ben Stewart for a one-hour zoom conversation about this year's Season of Creation.
See page 5 for details.*

September 8

Rally/Welcome Back Sunday, Congregational meeting and potluck

The congregational meeting will include a discussion and vote on possibly installing an HVAC heating and cooling system in the sanctuary and/or fellowship hall utilizing the current rebate program for commercial buildings. This would require an expenditure of more than \$5000 so a congregational vote is needed.

September 14

Progressive Garden Tour hosted by the Earth Stewardship Group!
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Fellowship and Refreshments



Treasurer's Report:

- July contributions and expenses were as expected by the budget.
- Changes in Quickbooks; it has taken us some time to develop a workable format.
- Payments on the Bridge Loan for the parsonage have been made. Month to month, expenses look okay but year-to-date giving (Jan 2024-July 2024) is \$21,000 below budget which is a big change. Our campaign consultant, Don Haven has advised us that giving typically goes down after a capital campaign but not this much. We have reserves but don't want to burn through them. We need to increase contributions to cover our operational budget or reduce expenses. Why the change from three years ago? Some people left and some have cut back giving as well.
- Only one annual gift has been received so far this year.
- A financial update will be shared with congregation on September 29.

Pastors Report: No report

Property Committee:

- Water Heater has been installed and inspected – cross off “to-do” list!
- Need to dig hole for sump pump
- Big rebates for heat pumps on commercial buildings (church qualifies) are currently available so it seems wise to consider taking advantage. Greg S is in conversation with three HVAC companies but no bids have been received yet. The PUD will cover \$3,000 “per ton” and cover approximately 75% of cost. There are several options to consider and will be shared with congregation. There are reserves available for this but any expenditure above \$5,000 needs congregational approval. A congregational meeting is planned for September 8.
- Rebates are also available for windows and lighting. Lighting is a safety concern due to high power through church lights – consider LED instead? Windows would be very expensive even with the rebate as they are all customized.
- There was discussion about renting church/fellowship hall in future to community for weddings and events.
- The range/oven at the Benton St house next door failed and has been replaced.

Worship Committee:

- Outdoor service this coming Sunday

Parsonage Project Committee:

- Completed

Old Business

- Annual pastoral evaluation for 2024 was submitted and reviewed
- Greg S, Greg H, and Karl discussed finances.
- Our Bishop will meet with Karl & Pastor Eva via Zoom in September to discuss “Learning about mission support”
- Echo article? What would we report or get community interested in? Possibly share earth stewardship committee? Ambassadors in future?
- Landscaping committee (Earth Stewardship is addressing this topic) – discussion is happening and creating five year landscaping plan. Reed is very interested in helping with this.
- Congregational planning retreat – postponed - TBD
- Purchase of a wifi extender for outdoor service? Paused for now.

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- Process for pastoral care coverage during absence could be improved to all invested parties.
- Rally/Welcome Back Sunday and congregational meeting will be September 8. It will include a potluck and HVAC property discussion and vote with congregation.
- Re -Member Sunday this fall? Still discussing appropriate date so people invited have time to consider and attend.

New Business

- President, Treasurer, and Greg H will work on money matters – problem-solving finances and utilizing buildings. Don Haven has offered financial advice as well.

Next Meeting: September 26, 6:00 p.m.



EcoFaith Action Network Planning Retreat

The EcoFaith Action Network (the creation care group of the Northwest InterMountain Synod) recently met for a planning retreat at the Monastery of St. Gertrude, in Cottonwood, Idaho. Barbara Rossing and Lisa Therrell attended as part of this small group and our highly skilled facilitator was none other than Pastor Eva Jensen! Pr. Eva holds a certification in facilitation that equips her to move groups through a planning process swiftly and robustly. We identified many action items and prioritized the following four areas to begin with:



- 1) **Listening to Congregations:** Craft a process for engaging with and listening to congregations on the theme of the environment and creation care. We may start this process with pilot congregations and refine as we go.
- 2) **Worship, Liturgy, and Theology:** Inspire and equip rostered leaders and worship planners with resources. Initial projects include publicizing *Season of Creation* (Sept./Oct. 2024), Earth Day Sunday and an Easter Season Revelation study on creation.
- 3) **Our Grounds, God's Garden (name pending):** Provide ministry sites with resources and inspiration to adapt ministry site grounds towards Earth-friendly practices. This might include things such as planting trees or native plants, pollinator gardens, xeriscapes, community gardens or other alternatives to lawn.
- 4) **Energy Efficiency:** The ELCA has a goal to reduce energy consumption by 50% by 2030. We will help equip ministry sites with resources to work towards this goal.



We are still working on many other details, such as a vision and mission statement and how to structure our work. But our committee was incredibly energized by this start and has small groups working on a number of tasks. For more information, talk to Barbara Rossing or Lisa Therrell.



Join Bishop Manlove, Barbara Rossing and Ben Stewart

Wednesday, September 4, 5:00 pm

for a one-hour zoom conversation about this year's Season of Creation.

This event is hosted by the newly-formed and super-friendly NWIM Synod EcoFaith Action Network.

[Please register here](#)

The zoom event will feature the back story on how the *Season of Creation* came to be, how to preach it (Rossing) and the connections to a Feast of Creation (Stewart). It will highlight Bishop Manlove's story of introducing the *Season of Creation* to Trinity Lutheran in Nampa, Idaho. There will also be time for participants to share their stories and questions.

FLC Quilters Meet with Lutheran World Relief Representative

On Tuesday, August 6, a group of FLC quilters and friends engaged in a lively and informative meeting with Rev. Lisa Kipp, Lutheran World Relief Director of Congregational Engagement. Rev. Kipp shared information and stories about LWR. For example, LWR quilts are used in Southwestern Tanzania to protect children from the effects of cold which contributes to stunting, a major problem in that part of the country. Lutheran World Relief is also first in and last out in many trouble spots around the world such as Ukraine, Gaza, South Sudan and Nepal, providing food, shelter and medical care. Rev. Kipp also extended thanks the Faith Lutheran for its continuing support of Lutheran World Relief both with our gifts of quilts and annual donations. To learn more about this ministry contact Margaret Neighbors at 509 387-0883.



FLC Quilters with Rev. Lisa Kipp. From left, Margaret Neighbors, Rev. Lisa Kipp, Cheryl Aslakson, Lori Reister, Jan Johnston

Earth Stewardship Group August 2024

Our group discussed key issues and plans for future activities and actions. Here are key updates:



- **Advocacy:** We recommend “No on 2117. Earth Ministry, Faith Action Network and Faith’s Earth Stewardship Group oppose the Ballot Initiative to repeal Washington’s Climate Commitment Act law. Vote NO!
- **Recent Forum’s available on Faith’s Website and U-Tube Channel:** If you missed either of two recent forums of interest, they are available for viewing on Faith’s Website and U-Tube channel. See page 12 for more details.



- **Faith’s First Progressive Garden Tour:** A progressive garden tour is planned for our members and friends on Saturday, September 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.! Come visit gardens and enjoy fellowship and refreshments. Start at the Church at 9:00 am. Watch for more details to come.

- **Earth Stewardship Movie Night October 25:** We are currently planning to hold our first Earth Stewardship focused documentary movie night in

the fellowship hall on Friday Oct 25 at 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendars and watch for more details (including a title!).



- **Climate Change Devotional Series Coming soon!:** We have been planning to conduct a devotional series this fall addressing Climate Change from a faith based perspective. The first installment is tentatively scheduled for October 13, after worship in the fellowship hall. Watch for more information to come.
- **Opposition to 70 Ft Lighted Cross being Constructed on Tumwater Ridge:** The Earth Stewardship Group has issued the following statement in regard to the controversial 70 ft tall lighted cross that is being constructed on Tumwater ridge that has been undertaken without permits, public review or due process:

We oppose the construction of any 70-ft illuminated object on the skyline because light pollution is objectionable and we want the structure to be subject to the permit process that includes addressing light pollution and any other environmental impacts.



Would you be interested in traveling in Europe with FLC friends?

By Mary Steeber



Recent conversations have indicated there may be some interest in organizing a European travel opportunity for members, friends and family of Faith Lutheran.

Greg and I have led five tours in Europe since 2001 and have had very positive experiences. Each of the trips has had particular highlights. One of them led to a marriage between

participants! Another was a tour in which the oldest member was 80 and the youngest 13 years old. Grandparents, children, grandchildren and siblings traveling together made for rich family and group experiences. Most of our tours were organized on the ground by Christian Eggert, a German travel agent, through Christian Tours Europe.



I have been in touch with Christian and he would be pleased to work with us to create a trip and itinerary anywhere in Europe. He has forwarded a sample itinerary ***The Wonders of Italy*** which may hold some interest. There has also been interest in Croatia, Slovenia and Portugal. The location and timing is wide open at this point. If you have any interest at all, let me know and we

can find a time for further discussion and see if this is something we want to pursue.



These are the tours we have led:

- 2001: ***Luther and Reformers Past and Present***
- 2012: ***Reformation Tour for Seminary Alumni*** (Barbara Rossing and Lauren Johnson were on this tour)
- 2014: ***Rome to Wittenberg: A Journey from Indulgences to Table Talks*** (Karen Strom was on this tour)
- 2015: ***Reformation Art Tour***
- 2017: ***Steps of Faith: Walking in the Footsteps of Paul and the Theology of Luther (Greece and Turkey)***

Contact Mary Steeber at Mary.Steeber@gmail.com or 651 278 4567 if interested in discussing the possibility of travel with FLC friends



Faith Journeys is a booklet of reflections written by people of Faith Lutheran as part of our *Faith Moving Forward* Capital Fund Campaign. One of these faith stories is shared each month in the newsletter. This month we hear from Heather Murphy

Where Hope Is

Too little snow. Too warm.

Skiing on only 4" of snow with a sunny 48 degree day on February 7, 2024, I pondered this low snow year. My mind jumped ahead into summertime. Will this be a forest fire year? Hmmm, fear. There it is. Fear is seeping into me as I ski into Mother Nature's beauty on the Icicle River Trail. I should be wiser than that. But I am not. There is a grave worry about the beings of this land, its habitats and all humans.

Then, brightness. As I skied along, a song of joy reached my soul dispelling heavy worries. An American Dipper's burbling melody of repeated lines and single notes. Music came from the river, as this little slate-colored year-round-resident songbird swiftly flew down the watercourse. Pulling over, I spied a bulkier bird, a small brown duck with a white oval behind its eye. It repeatedly dove down and popped up. "Binos" out. It was a female Bufflehead. This being will move on in May to breed further north. These "bird people" speak a language of pragmatism and adaptability. Listening, they teach me to plan, to help change. Quoting Emily Dickinson (1830-1886) –

Hope is the thing with feathers, That perches in the soul, and sings the tune without the words, and never stops at all..

Finding Pat and warm tea, I contemplated our "Lutheran-ness". He is Catholic, I am Episcopal, and yet we have been attending and giving to Faith Lutheran Church since 1984 (40 years). I became a member in 2015 making a declaration of the importance this church is to our lives, to hope. It has been a constant. Caring for community, all-peoples, walking-the-talk of sustainable ecology, encouraging artists, encouraging young and old alike, offering a spiritual home.

We want FLC to keep helping other Catholics, Episcopalians, seekers, and people who love what nature teaches and those who want to hear what a stranger has to say. And never stop at all.



Community Peacemakers

Wenatchee Valley Dispute Resolution Center (WVDRC) has named Faith Lutheran member Laurie Peek as one of the nominees for its inaugural Community Peacebuilder Award. Congratulations Laurie! And thank you for your faithful work through Upper Valley MEND. Learn more here:

https://www.wenatcheeworld.com/news/local/community-peacebuilder-award-nominees-announced/article_01e56a7e-58d7-11ef-ad74-938ff45c0c2d.html



Last Tuesdays Artists

Dear Faith Lutheran Church.

Please spread the word that all interested persons are welcome to the monthly *Last Tuesdays Artists* gathering at Sleeping Lady O'GRADY'S from 5 pm to 7 pm (2-hours).

We began in 2011 after an Empty Bowls Auction Artists session. Several artists realized we needed the support of other artists to help create and learn new ideas, as doing art is a very solitary endeavor. So, we chose the best date that most artists were available (a Tuesday after work) and selected the random day of the month, which was the Last Tuesday of the Month, as we were working together for Empty Bowls that day. We have been meeting around the valley for 13 years. Gretchen Daiber, Amanda Gibbs, Sarah Horowitz, CarolAnn Seaman, Olivia Schilling and Heather Murphy have been organizing it over the years. Many FLC artists join in.

We have a theme for each month and artists of all types join in to create together. Participants bring their own art supplies (journals, watercolors, photography, knitting, stitching, writing, jewelry making, hiking journals). Children under 16 years old will need an adult. We collect a donation of \$5 per person, if possible, to go to the Sleeping Lady staff assisting us and all are encouraged to stay at O'Grady's for dinner afterwards from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Last Tuesdays Artists Monthly Themes

- August 27: Drawn to Etchy-Sketchy (prepare a printing-sheet by etching in a sketch and print at CarolAnn Seaman Studio 3 to 7 pm on September 10)
- September 24: Drawn to-be-decided
- October 29: Drawn to InkTober
- November 26: Drawn to Conifers

Please join us. It is a Gift of Time for yourself as an artist and as a person.

Thank you,
Heather Murphy



Faith Lutheran Endowment Fund at work....

In early June, Greater Leavenworth Museum hosted Bernadine Phillips and Julie Edwards, P'Squosha tribal members, as guest speakers for Fourth Grade Field Trips. 80 Fourth graders from Alpine Lakes Elementary were educated in P'Squosha culture and history.

The Faith Lutheran endowment fund enabled our Education Committee to gift Bernadine and Julie a stipend, paying for lunch, gas, and lodging.

Thank you so much for your generosity.

Submitted by Judy Derpack



Arthur Wittrock by Pastor Dan Holm....

My first call as a parish pastor was to serve two small rural country churches. I lived in the Parsonage across the road by Trinity Lutheran of Pymont, seven miles from town, with a party line having 6 other phones. One Sunday morning Arthur Wittrock pulled up and parked in front of the school house where he usually does. This was before 8:00 in the morning.

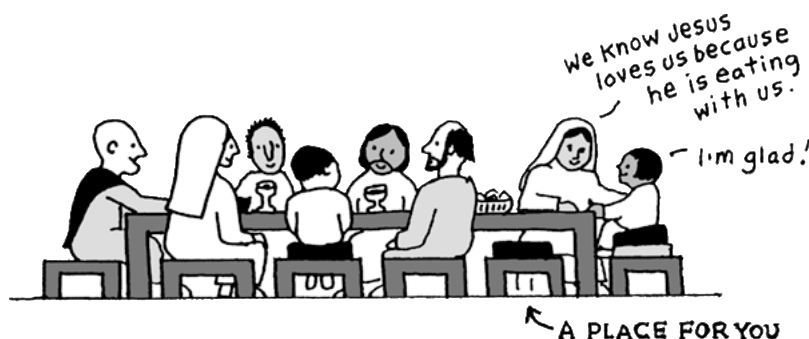
Since Arthur was usually the first one at church and at least a half an hour or more early, I thought he had not remembered that the time for services at Pymont wouldn't be until 11:00. Arthur said thanks, but still sat in his car and waited for the 11:00 service. That looked like a lot of dedication to arrive over three hours early to attend church.

I later mentioned this to Reno, who knew Arthur well and found out that Arthur did not have a watch or even a clock at home and kept time by the Sun. That Sunday it was so cloudy it was impossible for him to tell what time it was. So Arthur came so early to be sure he did not miss church.

Later I received a call from Arthur asking me to come over. This was just after dark. At his small house there were two rooms. We sat on two wood kitchen chairs in his combination living room and bedroom. A single light bulb with no shade was the only light.

The reason for the visit was Arthur thought his heart wasn't beating right. Although a doctor had checked it that afternoon and found nothing wrong, he seemed scared that he might be dying. So I read an appropriate Scripture about assurance of eternal life for those who believe in Jesus Christ and prayed with him. Arthur told me he couldn't keep a clock or watch because he was always smashing them. Reno, who hired Arthur, said he was a very good farm hand, especially with livestock and the best at handling a team of horses.

I don't remember Arthur missing a Sunday morning service, always sitting in the same back row corner place. Since Arthur rarely took a bath he always sat all by himself in that pew. I didn't mind him making people sit more up front. It takes many kinds of people to make a church. The important thing is we care for each other although we may be very different from one another. In Christ there is not east or west, nor south or north. Neither should there be in Church.





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**we
need
you.**

Help us set a course for the next 5 to 20 years.
 Save the dates as Mayor Florea kicks off the update to the City's Comprehensive Plan at the Festhalle with a trio of collaborative brainstorming workshops.

Free parking in adjacent lots after 6pm (Aasgard (P1), Blewett (P2), Colchuck (P3)).

An important message
from our mayor!

<p>HOUSING A COMMUNITY</p>   <p>SEP 9 6-9PM</p>	<p>SUSTAINABLE TOURISM</p>   <p>SEP 16 6-9PM</p>	<p>ACCOUNTABLE STEWARDSHIP</p>   <p>SEP 23 6-9PM</p>	<p>honoring our past, building our future.</p> <p>OCT 14 The final workshop will consolidate our collective input and define our path forward at <u>Fire Station 31</u> (228 Chumstick Hwy). 6-9PM</p>
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Don't forget Gaza.....

Our presiding bishop Elizabeth Eaton writes: *At times a just peace for Palestinians and Israelis doesn't seem possible, yet as Christians we believe that it is. The psalmist assures us that God "makes wars cease to the end of the earth" (Psalm 46:9). At times it seems that there is nothing we can do, yet through baptism God calls us to be peacemakers. We live out this calling in many ways, including through prayer, advocacy and accompaniment.*



Thank you, Lauren Johnson, for advocacy via protest in our community



A weekend educational opportunity offered at Grace Lutheran in Wenatchee, October 19, 20

THEME: WITH COURAGE AND HUMILITY

Grace Lutheran in Wenatchee extends invitation to join them for an educational weekend featuring Dr. Mark Brocker, a Bonhoeffer scholar and retired ELCA pastor living in Oregon. To learn more, go to here to their website.

- Saturday workshop: *With Courage and Humility: Bonhoeffer's Ethical Approach for Us Today*
- Saturday evening lecture: *The Political Responsibility of the Church*
- Sunday sermon during worship: *A Miracle of Divine Mercy*
- Sunday ADULT FORUM: *What Does It Mean to Tell the Truth?*

Inspired for Creation Care by Two Climate Leaders By Barbara Rossing

Listen to two hope-filled talks from August 9 and August 11 on the Faith Lutheran Facebook page, to be inspired for God's presence, in this urgent "kairos moment" for our world.

Baird Linke, who serves on the board of Lutherans Restoring creation and staff at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp in Montana, says we are at "an exciting moment."

<https://www.facebook.com/faithlutheranleavenworth/videos/1151032826190708>.

"I would love for congregations to be neighborhood resource centers" where people can learn ways to "shift our relationship to the natural world." Baird thanked Faith Lutheran for the Endowment gift to *Lutherans Restoring Creation*, for a young adult staff person. Young adults have much to teach us. Baird also shared about his work in Argentina with the ELCA program Young Adults in Global Ministry.



Camp ministry helps kids discover God's presence in their lives. "Congregations have a lot to learn from camps," he claimed. "These are places that actively change people." Young people have a lot of curiosity about God and the world. About half the campers had no experience with church, he says. When they realize that the "Creator of the infinite universe sees you and likes you," their lives are changed. When they actually "see the stars, when they can fall asleep to the sound of water, when they realize they are part of creation," they are awe-struck. So are we!

For a more policy-focused presentation, with slides, listen to Jim Martin-Schramm, son-in-law of John and Mary Schramm and author of the 2023 ELCA Climate Message.

<https://www.facebook.com/faithlutheranleavenworth/videos/2392161647654571> (sound starts at 20 seconds; have patience!), from August 9.



God's love for creation inspires us to transition away from fossil fuels to a clean energy economy, in this urgent moment. Jim's expertise on energy policy, ethics and Lutheran theology, inspired us to study and implement the ELCA commitment to 50% reduction in energy use by 2030. We need both courage and humility to face this moment. Christians may disagree on policies and that's OK. "We all have a moral obligation to be engaged in setting the direction of our country for caring for God's creation. Jim

explained why he uses the biblical word "kairos" to name this urgent moment—a moment for hope!

The delicious potluck Friday evening drew participants from Cashmere, Wenatchee and East Wenatchee.

Thanks for Roslyn Francis, Connie and Danny Thomassen and everyone who helped make the potluck meal a time of joy and community-building.

Thanks to both Jim Martin-Schramm and Baird Linke!

Garrison Keillor comes to Wenatchee, Oct. 2, 2024....



An evening of wit, wisdom, and Americana **Garrison Keillor Tonight** is an evening of stand-up, storytelling, audience song, and poetry. One man, one microphone. There are sung sonnets, limericks and musical jokes, and the thread that runs through it is the beauty of growing old. Despite the inconvenience, old age brings the contentment of LESS IS MORE. Your mistakes and big ambitions are behind you, nothing left to prove, and small things give you great pleasure because that's what's left. ("I was unhappy in college because

it was a requirement for an intellectual, but then I went into show business and discovered that people won't pay to be made unhappy, their kids will do it for free.")

There is the News from **Lake Wobegon**, a town booming with new entrepreneurs, makers of artisanal firewood and gourmet meatloaf, breeders of composting worms, and dogs trained to do childcare. But some things endure, such as the formation of the Living Flag on Main Street, citizens in tight formation wearing red, white or blue caps, and Mr. Keillor among them, standing close to old neighbors, Myrtle Krebsbach ("Truckstop") and Julie Christensen ("Bruno, The Fishing Dog") and Clint Bunsen. And a cappella sing-along with the audience singing from memory an odd medley of patriotic songs, pop standards, hymns, and ending with the national anthem.

I remember Prairie Home Companion as my introduction to radio as a regular "can't miss" program, now joined by many others on National Public Radio. However, I have never had the opportunity to hear the great storyteller, Garrison Keillor, live until now. Looking forward to getting to check this off my wish list as he comes to Wenatchee. Carl Florea

Tickets:

<https://numericapac.showare.com/ordertickets.asp?p=1569&src=eventperformances>



Continued prayers for Lisa Therrell...

Faith Lutheran, thank you so much for your prayers and kindness in reaching out to me in light of my recent esophageal cancer diagnosis. The good news is that the cancer has not metastasized. The cancer is considered Stage 2. It looks as if I will be able to receive treatment through Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center in Seattle. If you wish to be informed of what is happening, I have set up a Caring Bridge page:

https://www.caringbridge.org/site/7b634ea3-3fad-11ef-a4d1-97f2357cae02?utm_source=share&utm_medium=web&utm_content=copylink_leftmenu_php

You have to register to read posts, but they don't bombard you with advertising.

With gratefulness,
Lisa Therrell

Greta, Nick and Thora Steeber Wirth welcomed Casper Owen to their family on August 5. Casper is grandson to Mary and Greg Steeber.





Outdoor worship on August 18

Outdoor worship is scheduled on the second and third Sundays of the month if weather permits.



Lutherans are imperfect, but we know we are loved and forgiven. We come from different backgrounds and identify in different ways, with a commonality in our conviction that our unconditionally loving Creator and Redeemer offers us mercy, forgiveness, an eternal life as a free gift - we call it God's grace.

We love Jesus, and we remember he told us to love ourselves, our neighbors, and our God.

We trust that the Holy Spirit is always at work within and around us, guiding us into joyfully expressing that love through service, justice, and worship.

We try to be welcoming, and we like to think our catch phrase is kinda cool: God's work. Our hands.



Mission Statement

As disciples in Christ, we 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.

Vision Statement

Living in God's amazing grace, we envision Faith Lutheran Church as a diverse beacon of hope, healing and reconciliation in a broken world.



Faith Lutheran Church is a Reconciling In Christ (RIC) congregation.

We provide a safe and healing environment where people of any race, sexual orientation, gender identity, social or economic status can be nourished in their journey of faith.

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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 September 24 for the October issue.

