



Life of Faith

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President's Page

Dear Faith,

We have a shade sail ready for outdoor services, thanks to the power team of Greg Harris and Greg Steeber for posting and pounding. It looks great. If you stay up late enough, you will notice that there are now lights at night illuminating the Faith Lutheran sign. Council angels Connie and Rosalyn have been at work. Better yet, Pastor Nancy has a new address, an apartment by the river in Wenatchee. It won't be the same without she and Peepers keeping an eye on the neighborhood here. We will miss her happy presence.

My hat is off to Connie, our Council Vice president as she has stepped up strongly while I was out. She is also an instructor for the SAIL (Stay Active and Independent for Life) exercise classes held in the Fellowship Hall.

A word about COVID. Sadly, being healthy, immunized and once boosted was not enough to allow me to ward off the latest COVID attack. As you may have noticed after not seeing my mouth for 2 years, I am a mask wearing advocate. Thirty minutes indoors eating 6 feet from an apparently well but actually contagious person was enough to allow the virus entry. The Eggs Benedict were remarkably good but memorable, in retrospect, for different reasons. My personal message as our local numbers of infections slide upward again is - get your 2nd booster now if eligible. Treat friends and loved ones that travel by air carefully for 3 days after they get off the plane and if you fly wear your N-95 like armor. Consider when you may most benefit from wearing a mask and wash your hands often. Our community remains 'green' per CDC and masks at church remain optional.

The Call Committee continues to work on refining the responses on the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) in preparation for identifying specific qualities we hope for in our next pastor. Thanks to all who have provided input.

God's peace to each of you

Karl Kranz, Council President



Schedule for Pulpit Supply

June 5 – PENTECOST SUNDAY Pr. Alex Schmidt

June 12 – TRINITY SUNDAY Pr. Kari Reiquam, co-director of Grunewald Guild

June 19 Pr. Cindy Carroll, retired pastor

June 26 Pr. Cindy Carroll, retired pastor

CHURCH COUNCIL May 2022

- The endowment fund is down about \$5,000 since December.
- Contributions have been averaging about \$8,500 a month. Year to date (January through April) actual contribution amount is \$43,603 which also includes \$8,000 from 2021. Year to date budgeted amount is \$48,333.
- There are no big expenses anticipated and pastoral expenses will go down but pulpit supply expenses will be higher. There was discussion about how to encourage more generosity.
- The shade sails are ready to be put up. They are designed to be put up and taken down each week.
- The Fellowship Hall needs to be evaluated for the repair work that should be taken care of.
- There was discussion about possibilities for a future parsonage and options for funding it. Additionally, there was discussion about property taxes once Pr. Nancy leaves.
- The irrigation system has been turned on.
- Work continues to secure pulpit supply during our interim period. A coordinator of volunteers for readers and greeters would be whole heartedly welcomed in the absence of an office administrator.
- After a rich “history night” and review of the survey data, the Call Committee is forging ahead with the Ministry Site Profile. They have nomination forms available for those in the congregation who might have a name of a candidate that the Synod would consider.
- Pr. Nancy has an apartment in Wenatchee and will be out of the parsonage by the end of May.
- Dawn Kranz requested use of the Fellowship Hall on June 3 for an Art Show and this was unanimously approved by the council.
- Jan and Connie are checking into doing VBS at Faith Lutheran later in the summer. They will check with Grace Lutheran and Celebration Lutheran and Augsburg about programs.
- Rosalyn wants to discuss membership. How can we grow our membership? Connie suggested that we have an information holder on the outside of the church with our church information. Eric suggested that we maybe do a mid-week or Sunday evening service to draw more people in.
- Next Council Meeting: 6/16/2022 @ 6:30 PM

From our treasurer.....

As noted in the council report, contributions have been below budget in the first 4 months of 2022. So far, we have not had an occasional big month when an annual gift is received. December often helps us meet our annual budget but at our current level of giving, it would have to be larger than it has ever been. We still hope to do significant building maintenance this year which will raise our expenses.

Please consider this as you prayerfully help support the mission of Faith Lutheran Church.

Opportunities to serve.....

Sunday mornings: volunteers are needed for serving as greeter for worship, reading scripture and serving the coffee hour. There are sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider one or more of these opportunities. Here are the job descriptions:

- Greeter: Arrive about 20 minutes before the service. Insert the Celebrate sheet into bulletins and be sure name tags and markers are available. Greet worshipers as they arrive and invite guests to sign the guest book.
- Reader: Read scripture lessons from the Celebrate sheet at the appointed time in the service. Lessons available in advance on request.
- Coffee hour: Set up the coffee maker, plug in and set out cups before church. Directions for this are posted in the kitchen. There are no guidelines for food options at coffee hour. It is whatever the person serving would like to share.

Any day of the week: Please consider bringing food for *The Little Free Pantry*. Our immediate need is for PEANUT BUTTER, OATMEAL, and CANNED SOUP.

Lisa Therrell reports that the last few weeks our *Free Little Pantry* has had an uptick in food donations and extends thanks all of you saints who have shared food. She also reports a \$200 donation by a parishioner that provided a whole bunch of food, toiletries and cleaning supplies to restock our shelves in the Fellowship Hall. A \$500 ELCA Daily Bread grant has been applied for and, if we receive it, we will need to match with an additional \$500.

Congratulations.....

Congratulations to Greg and Judith Hewitt-Harris on the birth of their first grandchild, Bode Emmett Sturdivant!

He arrived late on May 18, which happens to be his Great Grandfather Harris's birthday too! Mother (Anna Sturdivant) and Baby are in good health. Father (Chris Sturdivant) is a proud dad. Bode is a big boy!



With thanks.....

A special coffee hour was hosted May 15 to say goodbye and express gratitude to Pr. Nancy for her time with us. Thank you, Pr. Nancy! And thank you Connie and Rosalyn for the beautiful buffet!



The Call Committee thanks the congregation for sharing memories, stories and struggles that have brought our community to where it is today. A good time was had by all and much pizza was consumed!



Did you know?....

The original reason for painting the murals in our sanctuary was to create an environment in keeping with traditional Bavarian churches and thereby connecting to the village of Leavenworth and its Bavarian art. As the project developed, the theme of the art became more closely wedded to Faith...the church's name rather than its location. So the motifs depicted all relate to the articles of faith. In essence, through imaginative and vivid images, the entire redemption story is depicted and surrounds the worshipper as a visual reminder of the "why" we come to worship in this place.

DAWN'S ART SHOW

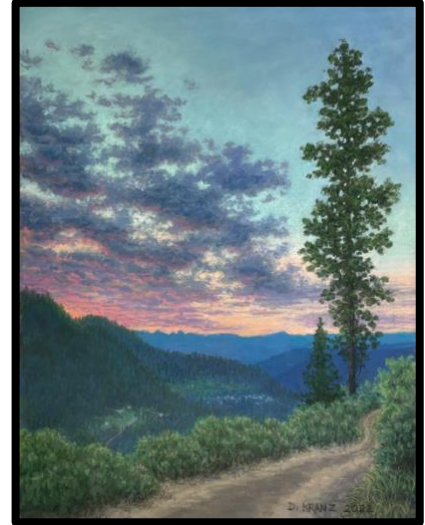


Come and See
Fresh Atmospheric Landscapes
Paintings in Pastel
by Dawn Kranz

Faith Lutheran Parish Hall
Friday, June 3, 6:00 - 9:00 pm
An indoor, outdoor event
Masks encouraged

Refreshments provided

30% of the artist's proceeds
will be donated to FLC



*"Something as earthbound as fabric and clay and paint
Can speak our most wordless longings,
Express our delight and grief.
Beauty can connect our hearts to the divine heart."
.....Richard Caemmerer*

Do you ever wonder what goes on at the Grunewald Guild?....



The mission of the Grunewald Guild is to welcome and inspire all who seek to explore the relationships between art, faith & community. Check out their website: <https://grunewaldguild.com/> and learn about the many varieties of programming throughout the year.

Faith Lutheran is blessed to have one of the three new co-directors, Pr. Kari Reiquam, preach and preside for worship on June 12. Thank you, Kari!

History Corner submitted by Danny Thomassen

We had orders to shoot into the crowd of demonstrators; however there were so many of them we feared a bloodbath. We had 8,000 armed state security police (Stasi); there were over 70,000 "peaceful" protesters. We had planned for everything. We were prepared for everything but not for candles and prayers.

Horst Sindermann, Stasi Commander.

In October of 1949 the "Iron Curtain" descended on Germany and the German Democratic Republic (GDR) became a Soviet Union puppet government in East Germany. Over forty years of Communist Ideology and the Cold War, the Soviet government left 3.3 million Germans dead and others deprived of food, imprisoned, and engaged nuclear brinkmanship and "Red tide" violence. In September of 1989, Lutheran Pastors Christian Fuehrer and Christoph Wonneberger opened the doors of *Nikolai Lutherische Kirche* in Leipzig on Monday evening at 5:00 p.m. for citizens to come and pray together for peaceful change as was its practice at the time. Historically, the church was founded in 1165 A.D. and was the oldest and largest church in Saxony and located in the heart of Leipzig. The church was Lutheran since 1539 A.D. during the Reformation. The Monday evening prayers attracted people from all faiths and gradually grew to capacity of 2,000 people. Eventually they would file out of the church into the city square located just outside to join the crowds who had gathered to pray. Every Monday evening the Stasi would block the main access roads to the church and autobahn exits into Leipzig were used as checkpoints to question people. Some were arrested into detention. The people continued to come and Monday evening prayer gatherings continued to grow. East Germans were fed up with communism and the restrictions on their personal freedoms. 09.October.1989 was a turning point. There were protesters who began to march from the church past the Stasi headquarters with signs and chants: *We are the people. We are one people*". The Soviet Union was celebrating the 40th anniversary of the GDR and orders were given to put an end to this

peace movement counter-revolution by force if necessary.



The prayer gatherings were unbelievably calm with firm conviction supporting non-violence. During the evening the marchers held candles in their hand and needed to use their other hand to protect the flame. They could not hold a stone, club or other weapon. The hands of peace could only keep the light. The spirit of non-violent change imparted to the world by Jesus Christ seized the masses and became a dominate power to perpetuate the peaceful protest. The Stasi finally withdrew and "not a shot was fired". Monday evening prayers continued in the church. The people were demanding democracy and free elections. Non-violent protests began to spread all over East Germany.

On 18.October.1989 Erich Honecker, President of the East German Communist Party resigned.

On 07.November.1989 the GDR government cabinet resigned.

On 09.November.1989 "Checkpoint Charlie" was opened and the Berlin Wall was breached by German citizens.

On 03.October.1990 Germany was formally reunited.

On 26.December 1991 the Soviet Union government collapsed **and not a shot was fired.**

**Karl Kranz at work preparing shade sails
for summertime worship.
Thank you, Karl!**



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 June 23 for the July issue.

