



Life of Faith

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President's Page

It has been another remarkable month at Faith. The weather has finally warmed up enough for outdoor worship. The Call Committee has completed the monumental task of revising the Ministry Site Profile. It has been approved by the Council and sent to the Synod for circulation to potential new pastors. Please see the final version attached to this email.

Danny and Connie have been leading the charge to make the parsonage more like a home. Furniture and furnishings have been donated, early midcentury Goodwill motif with a sprinkling of curbside finds. It is now available for housing our visiting pastors overnight. Connie and Jan shoveled and raked the old garden and planted grass. MEND will offer the parsonage as a rental possibility for a new gleaner coordinator for the summer as we continue our pastoral search. Pr. Nancy is settled in her apartment in Wenatchee and involved with Lighthouse Ministries. Peepers is adjusting.

Speaking of wildlife, the Faith Lutheran and neighborhood fawn rescue team was called into action 2 weeks ago just before and after our Sunday worship. Alert members noted a truly newborn, still wet fawn, on the sidewalk across the street, apparently delivered minutes before on that spot. Mother deer was up the steep bank on the meadow where she had birthed the second fawn. The team provided protective cover and appropriate signage to close the side walk "Danger, BEES". After church, the fawn was dry but weak and then tried to imprint on the group of humans and wander into the street. Mother deer was still up the hill. The group then decided that a second delivery was best, the large church sail box was procured and using careful 'no human touch' techniques the fawn was herded into the box and lugged up the path to the meadow. After decanting the baby and removing the box, bonding was verified and the deer trinity was restored. We left the 2 fawns and Mama happy together in the meadow.



There is yet more happiness in the world, Coffee Hour has returned!

God's Blessings shine down

Karl Kranz



Schedule for Pulpit Supply

July 3	Preach: Susan Butruille	Preside: Pr. Alex Schmidt
July 10	Pr. Alex Schmidt	
July 17	Pr. Cindy Carroll	
July 24	Pr. Cindy Carroll	

CHURCH COUNCIL May 2022

- The treasurer reports that bank balances are stable. The endowment fund is down due to the stock market still in decline. Year-to-date contributions are down about \$2,000. An annual contribution of \$6,000 was gratefully received this month. A line item was set up in the budget for *The Little Pantry* and a transfer protocol has been developed for receiving monies from the ELCA. The Profit and Loss statement Line 2160 has been changed from ELCA/World Hunger to World Hunger/ELCA. There are no big expenses.
- The Property Committee reports a number of items that need to be addressed. One is the grate in front of the doors to the church. The other is the water under the Fellowship Hall. This may have to be hired out as the water needs to be drained away from the building. Additionally, the roof on the Fellowship Hall should be repaired or replaced. Travel schedules have impacted progress on these projects by the property committee.
- Outdoor worship will begin when the weather warms up.
- The Call Committee submitted the completed Ministry Site Profile (MSP) to the Council for approval. After discussion, a few changes were made and consequently approved. The approved MSP has been sent to the synod office and now the Call Committee waits for names of recommended candidates. Congregation members are also invited to recommend names for consideration. This can be done by completing a form available in the narthex or printing a copy attached to this mailing.
- Nancy has successfully relocated to Wenatchee. The Synod has given her permission to attend services at Faith intermittently. She is doing Lighthouse Ministry and getting involved in her new community.
- Morgan Fraser Summer Camp starts this month.
- We have offered use of the parsonage to MEND for housing through the summer for their Gleaning coordinator. The rent would be \$800 a month in addition to some caretaking (security) duties of the church property. There has not been a Gleaning Coordinator hired yet.
- MEND appreciated the use of our tables for the Empty Bowls picnic. All the tables were returned in good condition.
- The Fellowship Hall calendar is up to date. Hall users should fill in the calendar for their events.
- The required \$500 from our congregation (possibly more) has been raised to receive the grant for *The Little Pantry* from the ELCA. An account has been set up to receive the additional \$500.
- Next Council Meeting: 7/21/2022 @ 6:30 PM

Do you know someone you would like to nominate for pastor at Faith Lutheran? Please complete the nomination form found in the narthex or in the attachment to this email.

IMMIGRATION/RACE JUSTICE GROUP (I/RJG) June 16 meeting

- **Finances:** We currently have \$48 in our account. Our last disbursement of \$100 was to an immigrant family having difficulty with L&I.
- **Fund Raising** suggestions were discussed. The request for a community evening at the Brewery was lost so will be resubmitted. Ben Thomas will host a potluck and in-person concert at his home on behalf of the I/RJG. Various I/RJG members will have opportunity speak briefly during the concert. Time and date to be announced soon. Another fundraising opportunity is serving as Chamber of Commerce Recreational Ambassadors. I/RJG members will participate Aug. 13, 14. Most of the group who is available have signed up, including some spouses. Each participant will need to take the Chamber's 2 hour training.
- **NW Community Foundation (CF) Grant:** Has been submitted and the CF interview will be Wednesday, June 22, at 4:15 p.m. Our sharing will focus on three of our direct service foci: Health Care, Community Crises, and Education.
- **Study Group opportunities:**
 - *Now is the Time: The six-week study on the "Explanation of the Declaration of the ELCA to People of African Descent"* has been completed by 10 Zoom participants of Lord of Life Lutheran church in Pasco. Alex, the facilitator, attended the group's potluck on June 8 and will preach there on June 19.
 - *Faithful Conversations about The 1619 Project* This six week study resource as well as the one mentioned above were both put into the Synod's newsletter.
 - The I/RJG book study group will finish *Homegoing* in July and will begin *Libertie* in August.
- **Direct Service, personal updates:**
 - Our Cascade School District (CSD) staff person invited group participation in their upcoming Health Fair/Back to School Supplies distribution, Aug. 5, Friday, at P-D in the later afternoon. School physicals and vision checks will be offered as well as haircuts by cosmetology students. Plus gift cards for shoes. Cascade Medical Center and MEND will participate. The first half will be for those families who are enrolled in the Immigrant Family Program and then friends and neighbors will be invited. Members present offered suggestions as well as financial assistance by the PTO. She also mentioned that 100% of her seniors graduated!
 - Another member who is on the WVC President's Advisory Council for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion will be on the Committee to hire staff for their new position to oversee this work. She also read for us the DEI vision statement.
 - A member has been volunteering at NWIRP with the attorneys, doing research and filing. She'll be leaving for the University of MN in August.
- **Advocacy:** Nothing to report although it was suggested folks familiarize themselves with the Faith Action Network (FAN) and contribute as they are able. FAN is a statewide interfaith organization that lobbies and works towards justice-oriented legislation in Olympia.
- **Mutual Support:** A member brought Guatemalan candles to celebrate the facilitator's birthday and affirm his presence. Might this become a lovely tradition?

NEXT MEETINGS: For details call Alex, 509.548.7012

- ⇒ **July: NO REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED**
- ⇒ **July 6, 6:30 pm: Book Study**
- ⇒ **August 18, 6:30 pm: REGULAR MEETING A staff member from L&I may attend**



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.

Free Little Pantry



A drum roll please... Thanks to 10 generous donors, we raised \$850 for the Free Little Pantry as a match for a \$500 Daily Bread grant administered by ELCA World Hunger. This gives us a total of \$1,350 which should keep our pantry going for quite a while. We are also exploring locating a second pantry somewhere down valley. Heartfelt thanks to those of you that have donated food, cash, and time.



This month's food request is PEANUT BUTTER. You can get about four jars of Jiff natural peanut butter for \$10 at Safeway when it is on sale.

Did you know?....

Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL) is a strength, balance, and fitness program for adults 65 and older. It is an evidence-based program and the entire curriculum of activities in the SAIL Program can help improve strength and balance, if done regularly at least two times a week. The entire program includes a fitness class specifically designed for older adults, functional assessments and educational materials.

Classes are offered at Faith every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30-11:30 in the social hall. You are welcome and it is offered free of charge!

It is important that you consult with your physician before starting any exercise program. SAIL will provide you with a permission form to give to your physician.

Certified class instructors:
Connie Thomassen
Joyce Price



The ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program (YAGM) invites ELCA young adults ages 21-29 into a transformative, year-long journey in international service. As they offer themselves in service, ELCA young adults are shaped by the witness of our global neighbors.

A year of service through the Young Adults in Global Mission program invites young adults to become the hands and feet of Jesus in the world, providing support to ministries and projects in communities of need. It also invites volunteers into a journey of self-reflection, providing space to consider their sense of identity.

Young adults serve in the spirit of accompaniment, walking alongside global companions in a manner that practices mutuality, interdependence and solidarity. All site placements provide opportunities for young adults to confront issues of wealth and poverty, racial privilege, economic disparity and globalization, all through the lens of faith.

We are a church that believes God is calling us into the world – together.



Do you know someone who might have interest in becoming a YAGM? Learn more at: <https://www.elca.org/our-work/global-mission/young-adults-in-global-mission> The application period for 2022 – 2023 is closed but it is not too early to consider the opportunity in 2023-2024.

Congratulations.....

To Leesa Broker at the birth of her second granddaughter, Clarke Shalom Parton, on April 10, 2022. Clarke joins big sister Blakely.

Thanks be to God



With thanks.....

- To Danny Thomassen for a full year of historical writing about our Lutheran heritage in our monthly newsletter
- To Dawn Kranz for generously sharing part of the proceeds from her recent art show with Faith Lutheran
- To Lisa Therrell for spearheading the *Free Little Pantry* Project and shepherding the ELCA grant proposal and consequent fundraising for the needed matching funds to support the project
- To Connie and Danny Thomassen and Jan Monroe for tending the needs of the parsonage and surrounding yard after Pr. Nancy left



Thank you

A blue pen is shown writing the words "Thank you" in a cursive script. The pen is positioned at the bottom right of the text, with the tip of the pen pointing towards the end of the word "you".

The History Corner submitted by Danny Thomassen



Looking back on the “History Corner” I have enjoyed the opportunity to submit twelve articles through our monthly FLC newsletter that reflect a small portion of our Lutheran heritage. The narratives highlighted the significant events of Martin Luther’s life (1487 - 1546) and presented the progressive development of the Lutheran Reformation (1517 - 1580). One article shared with you the catastrophic tragedy of the religious conflagration between the Catholics and Protestants during the *Thirty Years War* (1618 - 1648) in Europe. There were accounts of individual courage and spiritual faith of Lutheran Pastors Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Martin Niemoller that challenged the Third Reich of the Nazi regime (1933 - 1945). The most recent article last month outlined events of the 1989 “peaceful revolution” that originated at a Lutheran church in Leipzig, East Germany that substantially contributed to the fall of 40-years (1949-1989) of foreign Soviet Union occupation and the Berlin Wall.

I am closing this series with another Lutheran historical date: 31.October.1999. The Catholic Church (*Council of Trent*) and Evangelical Lutheran Church (*Council of Lutheran World Federation*) became signatory to the *Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification*. This event occurred at *Anne Lutherische Kirche* in Augsburg, Germany; built in 1321 A.D. The document was a negotiated compromise between the two controversial, traditional and ecumenical doctrines of faith that are still at many levels incompatible; where discrepancies and differences remain.

In 1518 Martin Luther was summoned to this church before Catholic Papal Cardinal Thomas Cajetan to negotiate a settlement after his posting of the *95 Thesis* on 31.October.1517. The Holy See at the Vatican expected this Catholic monk of the Augustinian Order and Wittenberg University's Doctoral Professor of Theology to recant and submit to the divine authority of Pope Leo X. Luther refused to compromise his position against the advice of his mentor and personal confessor Father Johann von Staupitz who had joined him in Augsburg. This decision would begin Luther’s controversial life for the next 28 years and Cardinal Cajetan would later draft the Pope’s Papal Bull *Exsurge Domine* excommunicating Luther from the Catholic Church in 1521.

In October 2003 I visited this church and viewed a small plaque on the exterior wall commemorating the “Joint Declaration” of 1999. Since Luther’s time, over 500 years ago now, negotiations continue. Both sides maintain dialogue to gain new perspectives in the spirit of trust and mutual understanding and deepen their respective biblical foundations for further ecumenical clarifications and conclusions.

Finally, I want to express my gratitude to Mary Steeber for all of her positive encouragement and assistance with the “History Corner”. Her second set of eyes that reviewed and tweaked the final product has always been appreciated.

***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 July 22 for the
August issue.***

