



Life of Faith

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President's Page

Well, where did August and September go? Outdoor worship, long evenings, and summer vacation are out of here like a hard hit line drive. I've seen the first Halloween decorations appear this week and Costco is selling Christmas. I continue to celebrate our good fortune and amazing community as often as I can think about it. We are drenched with natural beauty and I am reminded that the irritating gridlock of a Leavenworth traffic jam in which I am sometimes ensnared is just a way of daily life for many people forced to commute to work or school in other areas of our state.

The Call Committee labors on, the first prospect has dropped out but as Yoda said, "There is another". I appreciate the dedication of each of the Committee members. The variety of our full lineup of presiders and top notch sermons is good but I look forward as well to our next pastor.

Our Vice President, Connie Thomassen, has spearheaded the resurrection of the parsonage yard and landscaping. It's a good thing Danny has a full size pickup and I hope it has overload springs to haul all of the skillfully pruned tree branches that you all have been ducking under.

There has been really great Grate work completed. Moisture has been held against the foundation below the main door and signs of rot were noted. A large strip of concrete needed to be removed to see the extent of the damage. Rot was indeed discovered but the main timbers were sound so out with the old wood and in with the new. There are now custom cut pressure treated ground contact beams installed and a drain created to move water away from the building. Landscaping and the installation safety handrails are next.

The Quilters are quilting, the Knitters are knitting, SAIL keeps strengthening bodies and the Property Committee is moving forward with researching options for a new roof on the Fellowship Hall.

Spoiler Alert - a sump pump may be coming to a crawlspace near you.

We are truly blessed as a community of Faith and as the pace of life slows into Autumn I am grateful.

Blessings to you all,
Karl

**Pastoral Care concerns: Please contact Rosalyn Francis at 509-433-1043
Rosalyn will connect you with appropriate resources**

SUNDAY TEXTS AND SCHEDULE FOR PULPIT SUPPLY



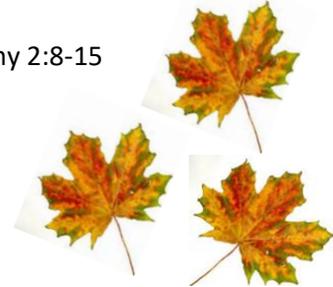
October 2: Pr. Cindy Carroll **17th Sunday after Pentecost**
Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 / 2 Timothy 1:1-14 / Luke 17:5-10

October 9: Preacher – Eric Krumland Presider – Carl Florea
18th Sunday after Pentecost / 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c / 2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

October 16: Pr. Alex Schmidt **19th Sunday after Pentecost**
Genesis 32:22-31 / 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 / Luke 18:1-8

October 23: Pr. Cindy Carroll **20th Sunday after Pentecost**
Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 / 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 / Luke
18:9-14

October 30: Pr. Cindy Carroll **Reformation Sunday** (a good day to wear red!)
Jeremiah 31:31-34 / Romans 3:19-28 / John 8:31-36



Save the date.....

Second Family Fellowship dinner
October 26 --- 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Fellowship Hall



Welcome knitters and all who do other kinds of arts or craft!

October 5 and 19
1:30 – 3:00pm
Fellowship Hall

Please bring your project and enjoy
fellowship with this fun group!



This group also has Prayer Shawls available for anyone wishing one. Contact Jan Monroe at twotoeheads@gmail.com to arrange delivery or pickup.

CHURCH COUNCIL September 2022



Treasurer's Report

- Our income has allowed us to move \$10,000 from checking into savings for use at a later time.
- Worship expenses are up with paying for pulpit supply but there is also no pastor's salary.
- The IRS got back to us and let us know that they made the mistake saying that we did the taxes correctly. Hopefully the \$868.36 we paid will be returned soon.
- We continue to encourage financial generosity as we know expenses will increase.
- Pastoral housing remains a problem that needs to be addressed.

Property Committee

- A bid for roof replacement and / or repair on the Fellowship Hall has been requested. We have been advised that expertise from a Civil Engineer is might be needed to address the water problem. There is \$20,000 budgeted for these expenses.
- The fellowship hall back porch needs repair but it is low priority at this time.
- Grates in front of the church have been installed!!

Worship Committee

- Pulpit supply is currently scheduled through November.
- Susan Butruille and Cindy Carroll are looking into *Sundays and Seasons* on-line as a helpful tool for our congregation. The cost is \$260 for the year. This will be considered.
- Worship has transitioned to indoors until next summer.
- It was decided to begin passing the offering plate during the service again.
- New service booklets will be used beginning in October.

Endowment Committee

- Lisa Therrell reports that the Endowment Committee will meet before the end of the year.

Call Committee

- Conversations with candidates nominated by congregational members and their references are in process.
- No names have been received from the Synod.
- The committee is committed to waiting as long as it takes to find the right person.

Old Business

- Morgan Fraser Preschool is good to go for another year.
- The parsonage continues to be available for pastors providing pulpit supply.

New Business

- Shila Reeves would like to use the fellowship hall once a week for *Skills for Kids*. She will pick a day and pay us \$125 per semester.
- It was moved by Eric and seconded by Greg Harris that Kelly Hassinger and Greg Steeber be authorized representatives for Local-Tel, Chelan County PUD and other businesses we do business with. Motion was passed.

Next Meeting: 10/12/2022 @ 6:30 PM



From our president, Dr. Karl Kranz.....

It's time for a commercial. The bivalent Covid boosters are now available at Safeway and Cascade Medical Center. Both cover the previous and the Omicron versions of Covid. Be the first on your block to get one! They are smart and fashionable.

FREE LITTLE PANTRY UPDATE

As I drive, I listen to NPR. It seems as if the news these days is “inflation, inflation, inflation.” Gas prices have gone down but the two other major ticket items are still high—food and rent. Nationwide, food has gone up 13% in price from one year ago. I don’t know about you, but I can no longer keep track in my head of what food “should” cost because the prices keep spiralling up. For low wage workers or those on fixed income, it becomes “Do I pay for food? Medical care? Or my rent or mortgage? Or gas for the car?”

I just finished reading “Nomadland” by Jessica Bruder. She writes about a significant host of people who can no longer afford housing and have chosen to live on the road out of RV’s or sometimes just their car. Some are making due on Social Security and others pick up temporary work. An interesting theme is that these folk consider themselves “houseless” but not “homeless.” Food is the easiest way to get help when needing to budget for competing financial needs. We really don’t know exactly WHO we are helping with our *Free Little Pantry*. But on Facebook and from chatting with Laurie Peek, I do know that Leavenworth has people lacking homes. I was surprised to learn that people who are

homeless camp near the mouth of Tumwater Canyon on the National Forest. I saw one person on Facebook share that his family and children were welcomed by others in Leavenworth—his kids were in school even though they had to camp out. That warmed my heart, knowing that the other prevailing attitude is “we don’t want to encourage that here.” What would Jesus do?

Thanks to our recent grants and contributions, we are able to provide food, toiletries, and basic cleaning supplies. Thanks to all of the saints in our midst that have contributed food, money, or have taken the time to restock the pantry. I am mostly out of town now as I’m working on our family farmhouse. If you see that the pantry is looking empty, please feel free to restock it. The food supply is inside the Fellowship Hall in two places—the passthrough cupboard to the right of the entry door and the shelves over by the building plans. Not sure what to put out? Just think Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.

Blessings to you all and thank you for your help and support.

Lisa Therrell



Sunday August 22, 2022

And the cupboard was bare.....

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES OF JUDITH HUETT-HARRIS by Pete Spiegel



“You know what music is? God’s little reminder that there’s something else besides us in the universe; harmonic connection between all living beings, everywhere, even the stars.”

-Robin Williams in August Rush (2007)

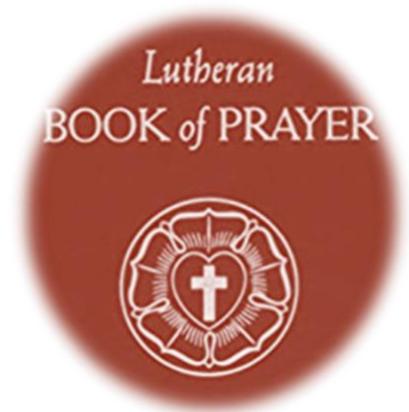
Judith Huett-Harris makes music. You have heard her play her flute at Faith. Each Sunday the congregation receives a gift of music from Judith and our church musicians. They are able to transport us and to give us one voice. After hearing her play her flute it is not hard to imagine the role that music has in her spiritual life. She loves to play the flute and to listen to music. She writes, “Music is a huge part of my life. Music has a calming effect on me and it makes me more thoughtful and contemplative. I guess that is when I would say the spirit moves me or God is talking to me. Perhaps that is God using music to keep me sane.”

Playing music with others was difficult during covid, but Judith made it work, “...during Covid I was able to play my flute by recording with other members of the “church band” online. “It wasn't the same but it did help to make me feel part of something.” Judith also actively looks for interesting music, “I love finding new music to listen to and play. I play my flute along with recordings on Spotify to practice playing by ear and it helps me find new music to play. I hear something I like and order the sheet music to learn to play it. The music that I enjoy most is classical, jazz and choral music. Classical and choral music sustains me spiritually. Sometimes when I am working, what moves me the most is stopping and observing my surroundings (mountains) while listening to

something I really love. I can get quite emotional about it.”

Though music helps sustain Judith, so do the mountains. “I mostly enjoy quiet time in the morning before Greg gets up to have some coffee and look out my windows at Tumwater Canyon, Wedge Mountain and Icicle Ridge. This is the time I pray, mostly for things regarding my children/grandchild or other people I know who I am concerned about (it seems at this time in my life it is usually about their health issues). I don't formally study the Bible. I do use the *Lutheran Book of Prayer*. Several years ago, I found a really old copy that belonged to Greg's Mom and I enjoyed it so I got an updated version (which does not have so many thees, thous, and thines in it... more modern language version!) It has daily prayers along with specific needs prayers so I use those.”

Now, we will listen to the mountains in your music. Let it be.



Did you know there is a National Lutheran Choir?

The National Lutheran Choir’s artistry is rooted in its mission to celebrate, invigorate and expand the heritage of sacred choral music. Founded in 1986 the Choir sings a spiritual story through diverse repertoire—from early chant and simple folk anthems to complex choral masterworks and new compositions. Based in MN, it serves a national audience through artfully produced content, concert live streams and other releases on its YouTube channel and through a Virtual Subscription program. Learn more at <https://nlca.com/> and listen at [Hymns We Love to Sing Video Series](#)

With thanks.....

Recently a seminary student serving on internship in the Seattle area used our parsonage for a personal retreat. Here is his kind note of gratitude.....

August 31 2022
Dear Karl & Faith Lutheran,
Thank you so much for making my stay in Leavenworth a joy. It was the perfect space to take some time away for a retreat.
Thanks also for trusting Sarah Toney and allowing a stranger to stay at your parsonage! You and your congregation will be in my prayers as you call a new pastor.
Blessings -
Jory Mustelson

Thanks to Greg Harris, Karl Kranz and Greg Steeber for their hard work on sawing out concrete, digging a huge ditch, replacing rotten foundation beams, creating a drainage system and installing metal grates in front of the entry doors to the church. Here are some pictures from the week....







Ta Da.....



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 October 24 for the November issue.

