



Life of Faith

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From our President.....

We are surrounded by the wonders of Spring and good news for the congregation at Faith. Pr. Nancy has been released from the rehabilitation center and is recovering with her son in Orondo, doing well last that we spoke. She and Peepers are sharing a lap again.

The Worship Committee has done a masterful job of filling the Sunday service needs and I just received word that the Bishop will temporarily allow the interns to preside and serve the Feast. Pastor Cindy Carroll is a Washington native; who has returned to the area and will preach and preside several times for us throughout the late Spring and Summer. Some of you met Cindy and her husband, Pr Don Haven, a couple of Sundays ago when they attended services at Faith.

We are hoping to begin outdoor services again around Mother's Day and are actively considering how to keep from broiling under the summer sun. Shade sails are a thought. The Council is open to suggestions.

Conversations about planning for the new parsonage have started. Please speak to a Council member if you have thoughts or visions about what this would look like for Faith and our community.

As of this week, CDC guidelines applying to 'green' or low risk areas of the country by county apply to us. It is worth a visit to the CDC website to see how 'Green' applies to your specific health condition. As a church body masks are now optional at Faith and very soon we hope to reintroduce Coffee Hour. The Council will use CDC guidelines to determine the need for masking and we will try to stay current on the latest guidelines.

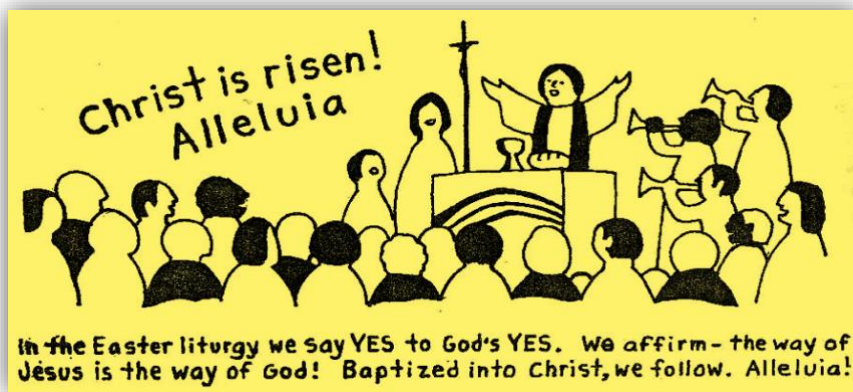
In Faith,

Karl Kranz, Council President



Schedule for Pulpit Supply and Holy Week

April 3, Sunday Worship: Zeke Reister – preacher, Alex Schmidt - presider
April 10, Palm Sunday: Dawn Kranz – preacher, Carl Florea - presider
April 14, Maundy Thursday, 7:00 pm: Barbara Rossing
April 15, Good Friday, 7:00 pm: Service of lessons and prayer
April 16, Easter Vigil, 8:00 pm: Service of lessons and prayer
April 17, Easter Sunday: Alex Schmidt
April 24, Sunday Worship: TBD



Special Congregational Meeting

Congregation President Karl Kranz convened a special meeting of the congregation after worship on March 13 for the purpose of electing a Call Committee for our next pastor. It was determined that a quorum was present and the following persons were elected by a unanimous vote: Mike Camp, Amy Carlson, Lori Reistser, Mary Steeber and Danny Thomassen.

Treasurer Greg Steeber then announced that Kelly Hassinger has been hired as our next bookkeeper. Welcome Kelly!

CALL COMMITTEE

The task of the Call Committee is to lead the congregation in its discernment around who God is calling to shepherd them as a pastor. This work will be guided by four basic questions:

1. Who are we as a congregation?
2. Who are our neighbors?
3. Where is the Spirit leading us as a congregation?
4. Who is God calling to be our next pastor?

To begin their work, the Call Committee will be completing a Ministry Site Profile (MSP). We did this in 2018 so there is a significant foundation in place but there also have been many changes since then. It will be very important to hear from as many people as possible in our Faith Lutheran community to help discern our current call to ministry in this time and in this place.

Please watch for an email that will include a form inviting your input. There will be hard copy forms available on Sunday mornings for those who prefer that option. Thank you in advance for participating.



MEET KELLY HASSINGER.....

Kelly adventured to the Leavenworth area in 1981 from southern Wisconsin (almost a local now!). She is married to Mark Hassinger, who teaches 4th grade at Alpine Lakes and has three daughters scattered between Bellingham, Hawaii and Salt Lake city.

Kelly did light bookkeeping as a teenager for her uncle in Wisconsin but learned about Quickbooks from Carl Florea when she started working for Upper Valley MEND in 2005. In 2016 she started working for Mt Stuart Physical Therapy as Office Manager until she retired in December, 2021.

In her spare time she enjoys being outdoors-hiking, biking, gardening, skiing and she loves to cook! (Currently perfecting the Quiche!)

CHURCH COUNCIL March, 2022

- The parsonage mortgage was paid off in February.
- Greg Steeber, treasurer, and new bookkeeper, Kelly Hassinger are working together to create accurate income / expense reports. There is a learning curve.
- The schedule of pulpit supply and presiders is posted in the fellowship hall.
- Debbie Florea was approved to serve on the Endowment Committee to replace Leesa Broker.
- Morgan Fraizer's request to conduct a Summer Camp in the Fellowship Hall was approved.
- We continue to follow CDC recommendations for the use of masks in public settings.
- Exit interview with Nancy has been completed and sent to the Call Committee and Synod.
- Susan Butruille was granted permission to use the Fellowship Hall / Sanctuary for Great Decisions and Dangerous Women as needed and as available.
- Plans for better advertising and securing shade sails for summer worship are underway.
- Next Council Meeting: 4/21/2022 @ 6:30 PM



Help Stock Little Free Pantry

Our Little Free Pantry is serving its intended purpose—helping neighbors and others that are short on food. I have been restocking the pantry once or twice per week, and usually about 2/3 to 3/4 of the food has been removed when I come. I am guessing that we have probably distributed about \$600 worth of food and essentials since the pantry was installed in November. Have you been meaning to help out by donating some food or other essentials? This would be a good time. Popular items include crackers, rice cakes, tortillas, shelf stable sausages, oatmeal, cold cereal, ramen, dish soap, toilet paper, and shampoo. I have been taking advantage of sales to stock up. Last week I hit the Dollar Store in Wenatchee, which has very affordable shampoo and dish soap. As we get towards Spring, switching to canned food items will deter bears. The shelf with donated food items is now INSIDE the Fellowship Hall because it had been discovered in the entry, and a large quantity of food had disappeared. If you have questions or concerns, or see something amiss, please let me know. Lisa Therrell

Faith Lutheran Endowment Fund Helps Local Family Rebuild Home



Juan Mata, Erika Ojeda and their 5 children are looking forward to living in their own home again soon after losing everything except their lives to a house fire in September 2020. They had recently lost their homeowners insurance policy due to a tree that needed to be removed (and a neighbor who disputed its removal), so they have had to pay out of pocket the cost of cleaning up and rebuilding. Juan works in local orchards and Erika at a Leavenworth hotel, and their children are all attending Cascade Schools.

Our Immigration/Race Justice Group is honored to have received an Endowment Grant of \$1,000 through Faith Lutheran Church to help these neighbors so that they can soon be sitting around a table sharing food in their own kitchen once again.



History Corner PART 4: submitted by Danny Thomassen



The medieval Lutheran Church was born 25 June 1580 A.D. with the publishing of *The Book of Concord* (aka: Concordia, Lutheran Confessions); a composition of Martin Luther's work. It was published 34 years after Luther's death and standardized the Lutheran faith doctrine across northern Germany and Europe for the various religious territories. Frederick (Friedrich) III, Elector of Saxony, was highly supportive and sponsored Luther's writings throughout his life time. He was Luther's patron and defender, arranging for his protection in 1521 after being convicted at the Diet of Worms as a religious heretic and criminal subject to death by Emperor Charles V of the Holy Roman (Catholic) Empire. Immediately after his trial Luther was sequestered at the Wartburg Castle near Eisenach, Germany for ten months; most likely saving his life.

The Book of Concord contained various territorial German collections of universal statements including the ecumenical Apostles and Nicene Creeds, Augsburg Confession, Luther's Small & Large Catechisms and the Schmalkadic Articles (1537). The Articles were written by Martin Luther and Philipp Melancthon during tumultuous times to summarize the most important teachings of Christianity and unify the various Lutheran territorial provinces and Imperial Cities against the military and political front of the Roman Catholic politicians and armies of Charles V.

The Article states: *Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, died for our sins and was raised again for our justification (Romans 3:24-25). He alone is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (John 1:29). God has laid on Him the Iniquity of us all by His grace (Ephesians 2:8-9), through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, in His blood (Romans 3:23-28). This is necessary to believe; this cannot be otherwise acquired or grasped by any work, law, or merit. It is clear and certain that this faith alone justifies us. Nothing of this Article can be yielded or surrendered, even though heaven and earth and everything else falls (Mark 13:31).*

Philipp Melancthon was a young scholastic collaborator with Luther, intellectual leader of the Lutheran Reformation and Luther's "right-hand-man". He had advanced doctoral diplomas from the German Universities of Heidelberg and Tübingen and at age 21 he became Professor of Theology at Wittenberg University (Saxony). He is credited with the systematic advancement of the new "Wittenberg Theology" developed by Martin Luther. His intellectual savvy and academic expertise inspired public schools throughout Germany and the literacy of the German people advanced exponentially.

The Concord during the late Middle Ages was a consensus and exposition "at that time" of Christian Lutheran faith against false idolatry worship and superstitions of the papacy. It remains to this day, 442 years later, the basic common definition of what it means to be a "Lutheran".

Next month "Epilogue": the Catholics and Protestants unsheathe the sword.





At the 2019 Northwest Intermountain Synod Assembly, it was decided to hold assemblies every other year and host regional gathering in the off years. Covid-19 subsequently made any kind of gathering impossible. The current protocols from the Center for Disease Control make it possible to gather again so plans are underway for three regional gatherings. The one closest to us in in Moses Lake on May 21.

Linda Staats will be the facilitator of the gatherings that are designed to be cross-generational and interactive. [Learn more about Linda here.](#) The gatherings promise to be a fun and enlightening experience for all. Registration is by congregation.

Please contact Mary Steeber at mary.steeber@gmail.com in you are interested in attending. There is money in the Faith Lutheran budget to pay for attendees.

April Birthdays



- 2 Carl Florea
- 8 Evan Butruille
- 9 David Morgan
- 13 Gracie Camp
- 14 Eleanor Larmie
- 14 Mary Schramm
- 17 Mary Jo Bartholomew
- 28 Amy Carlson

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 April 22 for the May issue.

