



# Life of Faith

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## From Pr. Nancy.....

The recent terrorist attacks in New Zealand, killing 50 people as they prayed in mosques, drives home the power of words and fear when they are used to promote hatred and fear of others with violent results. Let us focus on Jesus Christ, who chose the path of non-violence and, armed with the word of God, defeated evil. Listen to Him!! We are called to love God, love our neighbors, love our selves. The psalmist has these words of comfort for us: "This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! Wait for the Lord and be strong. Take heart and wait for the Lord."

## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**PALM SUNDAY - April 14, Holy Week Drama 9:30 a.m.**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 18, 7:00 p.m.**

**GOOD FRIDAY - April 19, 7:00 p.m.**

**EASTER VIGIL - Saturday, April 20, 8:00 p.m.**

**EASTER SUNDAY - April 21, 8:30 and 10:30 with 9:30 a.m. potluck brunch**



## GETTING TO KNOW ZONA MCKENZIE

In her busy, rich life, Zona McKenzie says, “I have one important spiritual practice and that is to find some joy every day.”

This discipline comes from a woman who has experienced many losses. In 1979 her fiancée, Joe, died at sea when the boat he was on sank in a fierce storm, killing all nine people on board. Joe was leading an expedition to climb the unexplored mountains of the Antarctica.

At the time Zona was in nurse's training and upon graduation, worked as a public health nurse in Juneau, Alaska. There her love of the outdoors enticed her to climb Denali. When she moved to Minnesota, she taught public health classes at the Stillwater State Prison. One day, playing monopoly with the inmates, several of them said, “What the bleep bleep is wrong with you? You should be a physician.” Taking that to heart, she began medical training at Cleveland Case Western Reserve where she specialized in cardiology and pathology, graduating in 1987.

In the 1960s, during Vatican II and Pope John 23, the church changed. Issues in the Mass, like introducing new music with liturgies in English, the priest facing the people and other such changes, fractured the church. Many people left, including Zona, her mom and her five brothers. Her father chose to stay within the church.

Zona received most of her education at Roman Catholic schools. Her education included justice issues and liberation theology taught by nuns who had been to Latin America. Many schools were closed after Vatican II. A priest at Berkeley who was a spiritual mentor for Zona told her, “When we recognize our deepest identity is love, therein lies our comfort, freedom, compassion and courage.”

Another loss in her life was the death of her best friend, Judith, who died of a brain tumor in

2004. Judith had been a Franciscan nun and the order was greatly diminished with the changes in the church. She and Zona shared a home they purchased on the river. While Judith helped a priest start a Christian Community in St. Paul, Mn., Zona worked as a cardiologist at a St. Cloud, Mn. hospital visiting rural areas. She



says, “Every day was a new 'heart' experience. I loved getting to know my patients and caring for them.”

Zona tells of the difficult five years when she was bed-ridden with a severe autoimmune condition. She was hardly able to get out of bed

and for those years Judith cared for her. At this time there was no known treatment for her condition and her goal was to walk a few yards each day. As she grew stronger, she made the decision to buy a horse. She instructed Judith to go to a farm that sold horses called “All Things Great and Small.” Judith was fearful of horses but complied with the wish of her friend and learned, as Zona did, to love and ride the black horse they named Coal Dancer.

On the day of Judith's death, Coal Dancer laid his head on Judith's lap to comfort her. Zona says, “my horse is my Human Whisperer. He is like a mentor to me.” Coal Dancer now stays on Orcas Island, where Zona frequently goes to visit.

She is clearly passionate about many things. She loves skiing, a sense of community, writing poetry and children's books. She loves people. She believes God is present when you are acknowledging your passion. At FLC she has found a faith community and is entering into the life of our parish with her unique gifts and interests, finding the face of God in others.

## HOPE FOLLOWS ACTION

This phrase has been in my mind since John and I returned from a retreat at Spirit in the Desert in Carefree, AZ. The week on Ethical Issues in Ecological Restoration was taught by our good friend, Dan Spencer a professor at the Univ. of Montana. We traced the beginning of the universe from 14½ billion years ago to the present time which, not far in the future, could be the fifth period of great extinction.

Facts presented were sobering, such as the last five years recorded the hottest temperature ever in history. According to most scientists, we need to reduce that temperature by 2030. 95% of the carbon emissions have occurred since 1935 – most since 1950 and most caused by humans. We are talking and learning more about this unprecedented climate change but it will take actions to counter this brokenness of creation if we are to live in hope. (mrs)

## REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHURCH COUNCIL

- Giving has been up slightly. Thank you everyone and keep it up!
- There will be two Easter services (8:30 and 10:30) with a pot-luck brunch at 9:30.
- The Mardi Gras party was a huge success and more fun social gatherings are on the horizon for later this year. Stay tuned!
- The job responsibilities for coffee hour hosts and greeters are going to be clarified and written down to help have more uniformity in who does what on Sunday mornings.
- We need a couple of people who are willing to be trained to help out with the sound system for when Mike Camp is not at church. Please let Mike Camp know.
- Next Council meeting will be Tuesday, April 16, 6:30 p.m.

### LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

We are continuing to collect food for the Community Cupboard Food Bank during Lent and building a food tower in the sanctuary. We will deliver the food after Palm Sunday. If you have not already had the opportunity, please help yourself to a beautiful blue **Faith Lutheran shopping bag** to use in transporting your food items to church as well as your own personal grocery shopping. Each bag has our mission statement on it as well as a tag suggesting items needed by the Community Cupboard. The bags are made of recycled #1 plastic and by reusing it, you will help reduce our collective carbon footprint.

### THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF FINANCIAL WELLNESS

Bill Moody, will present “The Nuts and Bolts of Financial Wellness” on Thursday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. It gets harder every day to plan for the future. Whether it's saving for our children's college education, funding our retirement, purchasing the right kind of life insurance, or taking that once-in-a-lifetime vacation, it's more and more difficult to find the extra money to put aside for important needs. We would like to help your family explore the options and help make these dreams a reality. Come and learn How Money Works.

## REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONTINUED.....

### MEET FELLOW WORSHIPERS

We have been blessed with new people joining us for worship. On Friday, May 10, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Zona McKenzie will host a potluck for these people in her home. All are welcome to come and join in getting to know new folks in our church community. Please plan to come and bring a dish to pass.

### ARTIST'S/WRITER'S RETREAT

There will be an artist's/writer's retreat at the Sleeping Lady huts Monday, April 15, from 10-4:00 pm and April 16-19 from 9:00 am to 7:00 PM Contact Heather Murphy if you have questions.

## ABOUT US

**Carl Florea** has announced he is running for mayor of Leavenworth. Please talk with him if you would like to help with his campaign.

Thank you, **Susan Butruille**, for your guest column in the March 3 issue of The Wenatchee World. Susan reminds us of the many contributions made by women in our culture.

At least 16 members of FLC attended the Friends of Leavenworth meeting on March 15. Reports were given on traffic, parking, Adventure Park project and ways to communicate our feelings about these issues in our community.

**Judith and Greg Huett-Harris** have transferred their church membership to FLC from Sammanish and **Jan and Greg Monroe** have transferred from St. Andrew's in Bellevue. We welcome them into our midst.

Prayers of thanksgiving that **Sarah Butruille** had a successful heart procedure on March 18.

**QUILTING FACT** Lutheran World Relief reports that in 2018 there were 323,610 quilts sent to 18 different countries. Our thanks to the women in FLC who gather the second Saturday of each month to make quilts for this program.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS



- 2 Carl Florea
- 8 Evan Butruille
- 8 Dorthy White
- 9 David Morgan
- 13 Gracie Camp
- 14 Mary Schramm
- 17 Mary Jo Bartholomew
- 23 Kjell Bakke
- 25 Linda Lagger
- 28 Amy Carlson
- 30 Lila Lyons

## APRIL CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
		<u>8:00</u> BOOK GROUP <u>1:30</u> STORY TELLING <u>6:30</u> IMM. JUSTICE	<u>10:00</u> BIBLE STUDY <u>5:00</u> LECTIO DIVINA <u>6:00</u> SOUP SUPPER <u>7:00</u> LENTEN SERVICE	<u>4:00 – 5:00</u> S.A.G.E. <u>7:00</u> EARTH STEWARDSHIP		
	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<u>9:30</u> WORSHIP  <u>6:30</u> GREAT DECISIONS	<u>6:30 – 8:00</u> FREE CLINIC  <u>5:30</u> YOGA	<u>8:00</u> BOOK GROUP <u>6:30</u> IMM. JUSTICE	<u>10:00</u> BIBLE STUDY <u>5:00</u> LECTIO DIVINA <u>6:00</u> SOUP SUPPER <u>7:00</u> LENTEN SERVICE	<u>4:00 – 5:00</u> S.A.G.E.  IMMIGRATION JUSTICE (at Sherry Thompson's)	<u>7:00</u> REHEARSAL FOR HOLY WEEK DRAMA	<u>9:30</u> QUILTING
	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<u>9:30</u> PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP	<u>6:30 – 8:00</u> FREE CLINIC  <u>5:30</u> YOGA	<u>8:00</u> BOOK GROUP <u>4:00</u> STEWARDSHIP <u>6:30</u> IMM. JUSTICE <u>6:30</u> CHURCH COUNCIL	<u>10:00</u> BIBLE STUDY <u>5:00</u> LECTIO DIVINA <u>6:00</u> SOUP SUPPER <u>7:00</u> LENTEN SERVICE	<u>4:00 – 5:00</u> S.A.G.E. <u>5:30</u> LISTENING FOR GOD <u>7:00</u> MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE	<u>7:00</u> GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE	<u>10:00</u> SEW GIRLS  <u>8:00</u> EASTER VIGIL
	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<u>8:30/10:30</u> EASTER WORSHIP <u>9:30</u> POTLUCK BRUNCH	<u>6:30 – 8:00</u> FREE CLINIC  <u>5:30</u> YOGA	<u>8:00</u> BOOK GROUP <u>6:30</u> IMM. JUSTICE	<u>10:00</u> BIBLE STUDY <u>4:00</u> LECTIO DIVINA <u>6:00</u> SOUP SUPPER <u>7:00</u> LENTEN SERVICE	<u>4:00 – 5:00</u> S.A.G.E.		
	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			

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**Calendar Details**

FREE CLINIC - This weekly ministry is run by volunteers, many from FLC. Contact M.E.N.D. office for information: 548-0408

BOOK GROUP - Meets weekly in fellowship hall. Contact: John Schramm 548-0404 Current book is *Biblical Literalism: A Gentile Heresy* by Spong

IMMIGRATION JUSTICE - Provides ESL classes at PUD School. Contact: Laurie Peek 548-7186 or Trudy Leverenz 888-4856

GREAT DECISIONS: Most Sundays through April 7 in fellowship hall

YOGA - Meets in the fellowship hall. Contact: Marcy Ostrom 630-1262

BIBLE STUDY - Meets at the home of Lila Lyons.

LECTO DIVINA - Meets in the church sanctuary. A time of sharing and quiet meditation on Biblical texts.

Contact: Liz Caemmerer 421-0872

S.A.G.E. - Sexual and domestic violence counseling. Fellowship Hall.

LISTENING FOR GOD - Book / faith discussions. Begins with a happy hour followed by pot luck meal. Contact:

Tom Derpack 206-601-7739

EARTH STEWARDSHIP GROUP - Contact: Mary Carol Nelson 548-8006 for date and place.

QUILTING - Contact: Trudy Leverenz 888-4856 for location.

STORY TELLING at the home of Zona McKenzie 11358 Riverbend Dr. first Tuesday each month at 1:30.

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